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WAR HAS ENTERED NEW STAGE OF UTMOST GRAVITY: SITUATION EXAMINED IN AUSTRALIA: CALL FOR GREAT EFFORTS TO PREPARE

Malaya Fully Ready For Attack From Any Quarter

THE WAR HAS MOVED TO A NEW STAGE OF THE UTMOST GRAVITY.

This significant sentence was contained in a statement issued by the AUSTRALIAN ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL which met yesterday to consider the international situation and which was adjourned to meet today, states a message from Sydney.

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FAR EAST, and the AUSTRALIAN CHIEFS OF STAFF, have been invited to be present at today's meeting of the War Cabinet.

The statement was issued jointly by MR. A. W. FADDEN, Acting Prime Minister, and MR. J. CURTIN, Leader of the Labour Party, and declared:

"The War Council has considered cabled messages which it has received dealing with the recent developments in the international situation. The nature of these messages made the Council adjourn till tomorrow at noon, when Sir Robert Brooke-Popham and the Chiefs of Staff will be present.

"We think we should tell the people of Australia that it is the opinion of this War Council that the war has moved to a new stage of the utmost gravity. This can only be described as of the most serious import. It is necessary to see that the dangers of the next few weeks have been taken into account and that preparatory precautions have been taken. Our land, sea and air forces have been already actively engaged and have proved their metal successfully.

"What the future has in store is not precisely clear but what is clear is that Australia's safety makes it essential that there should be no doubt of the great need there is for preparedness of this country."

The significant statement made by the War Council was carried in all the newspapers in Australian cities and all editions were bought up though the temper of the Australians had been prepared for the news when, after Wednesday's

meeting of the War Council, Mr. Fadden issued a grave warning to the nation which was as follows: "We find ourselves in a hostile action near, if not on, our coastline. It is not an inevitable danger—far from it—but it is real and we must pay serious regard to it."



MR. J. CURTIN

MR. CURTIN, in a separate statement, said that the country should take these steps to safeguard itself because it was the great supplier of foodstuffs, munitions and equipment for the Empire forces and because it was recognised as the chief reinforcement for the fighting strength in the future conduct of the war.

Mr. Curtin added that the Axis method is to attack at many points and the new phase of the conflict may involve Australia. "From that springs today the danger to us," he said. "Our immediate future holds great possibilities. Our enemies are preparing a huge offensive which will be launched against us in the first weeks of the spring. "As a nation in the Pacific Australia only desires peace. The possibility of an attack against us has long been foreseen and preparations have been made in our defence measures.

"These preparations were not only for defence but in order to see that Australia should utilise to the full her manpower and industrial war material."

MALAYA READY
A London message stated that the whole of Malaya is reported to be ready for attack from any quarter.

Substantial reinforcements have arrived for all armies in the Far East.

Since Sir Robert Brooke-Popham took over command he has brought about important and far-reaching changes.—(Special)

YUGOSLAV PREMIER FOR GERMANY

According to an Associated Press report, quoted in a London message, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia, have left for Germany by train at the invitation of the German Government, states a London message.—(Special)

Wops Have Lost 1,000 Planes Since Entered War

The Italians have lost close on 1,000 planes shot down or destroyed since they entered the war.

Latest news from Albania is that the Greeks have gained further successes in local operations, and have taken heights of over 6,000 feet in the northern sector. Greek guns are in continuous action between Pogradetz in the north and Tepelini in the centre.

SEVERE FIGHTING

There is severe fighting in Kilsura and Tepelini. The counter-attacks by General Cavallero have been abandoned, his fifteenth attack being repulsed.

His frantic attacks have resulted in the wholesale murder of the unfortunate Italians, on each occasion 50 per cent. being mown down by Greek fire.—(Special)

FULL PREPARATIONS FOR GERMAN MARCH INTO BULGARIA: TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS

GERMANY HAS MADE FULL PREPARATIONS FOR MARCHING INTO BULGARIA, STATES A SYDNEY MESSAGE.

The report added that Nazi planes had already arrived at the Bulgarian airports. Bulgarian officials stated that these form part of an order to Germany for aeroplanes but this is dismissed with contempt by Britain and the United States.

In Greece and Turkey there are no illusions about the concentration of German troops in Rumania.

Turkey's attitude, it is reported, will be governed by what Hitler does after Bulgaria in his grip.

There is much speculation over the Russian attitude but the general opinion is that Hitler would not have shown his hand in Bulgaria unless he had the approval of the Soviet Union.

Bulgaria newspapers yesterday published belated comments on Mr. Churchill's speech but made no reference to the present serious position of the country.

While officials maintain that Bulgaria has taken a stand of neutrality there is no convincing refutation of Mr. Churchill's assertion that German troops have already moved into, or through, Bulgaria.—(Special)

GUARD TROOPS

BUCHAREST, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The British Legation guard is trebled. Curfew is most strictly enforced and those refusing to obey patrol summons will in future be shot.

Five thousand collapsible wooden barracks accommodating 50 men each have been ordered by the German military authorities.

The total glycerine production is placed at the disposal of the War Office. Government control of maize is under consideration.

Exports can only be made at strict official prices.

SOVIET FLEET MASSED

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—A message from Tsuruga to the HOCHI SHIMBUN reports the Soviet Black Sea Fleet, consisting of two battleships, four cruisers, 30



destroyers and 24 submarines, began assembling in the Bosphorus on Feb. 7 while 2,000,000 Red Army troops are massed on the Turkish-Rumanian borders.

The message is said to be based on information from Soviet official quarters.

Soviet officials in Vladivostok are reported to be predicting Spain's entry into the war by May.

Germany has probably reached an understanding with Bulgaria and Russia regarding the Balkans, says the NICHU NICHU SHIMBUN.

AXIS INFLUENCE

"The rupture between Britain and Rumania resulted in the extension of Axis influence in the Balkans. Germany certainly will concentrate her efforts on crush-

ing England but will not hesitate to send troops to Bulgaria in case she thinks peace in the Balkans will be established in so doing, especially since it is safe to judge a perfect understanding has already been reached by Germany with Bulgaria and Russia.

"Britain may count on bombing Rumanian oil fields but success of such attempts is doubtful and it is probable the Germans, in conjunction with the Italians, will combine Greece, thus jeopardising British naval bases in the Eastern Mediterranean."

50,000 NAZI TROOPS

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Fifty-thousand German troops are massed at Constanza, Black Sea, according to reports from travellers arriving in Istanbul, says the independent French news agency.

RICE PRICE MAY RISE IN INDIA

There is a possibility that the price of rice may rise in India, states a message from Delhi.

The possibilities of war in the Far East may lead to shipping difficulties and it is expected that there will be a decrease in the supplies of rice from Burma and consequently an attempt might be made to exploit the situation at the expense of the consumers.

It was added, however, that the Government was endeavouring to arrange for shipments which were expected to arrive shortly.—(Special)

FRANCO HAS TWO TALKS WITH MUSSOLINI

A statement issued after the meeting of the Spanish and Italian dictators, emphasised that there was an identity of views on all problems affecting both Governments, states a London message.

GEN. FRANCO had two conferences with SIGNOR MUSSOLINI on Wednesday at Bordighera, states a message from Sydney.

Mussolini's Fascists went to special pains to deter any enquiries as to the real purpose of the conference.

American diplomatic officials were told that they must not move beyond the boundaries of Rome and special measures were taken to defeat American newspapermen.

They were told that a big story was coming but it was seen that they did not receive it.

HITLER'S CREATURE

A suggestion that Franco should mediate for an armistice between Britain and Italy is discounted in London where it is too well known that Mussolini is merely Hitler's creature and cannot make any move in that direction.

General Franco and Marshal Petain met yesterday on the Italian-French border, states a London message.—(Special)

The London message adds that Franco was to have luncheon with Marshal Petain yesterday at which there were to be present Admiral Darlan, M. Peyroulin, Minister of the Interior, and the French Ambassador to Spain.

BLOCKING U.S. DEVELOPMENT

The United States Assistant Attorney-General, giving evidence before the Federal Monopoly Committee, asserted that foreign companies in America were taking out patents on essential war materials in order to block development and create serious shortage, states a London message.—(Special)

DRIFTER DOWNS JUNKERS

An Admiralty communique, quoted in a London message, stated that H.M. drifter Eager shot down a Junkers 88 from which there were no survivors. One member of the drifter's crew was hurt.—(Special)

Today's News Summary

A SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT to the effect that the war has entered a new stage of the utmost gravity was issued by the Australian Advisory War Council yesterday. A meeting of the Council will be resumed today at which the Commander-in-Chief of the Far East will be present.

IT IS REVEALED that the Italians have lost close on a thousand planes since Italy entered the war. In the fighting in Albania local Greek operations are crowned with success. Severe fighting is reported at Kilsura and Tepelini.

GERMANY HAS MADE FULL preparations to enter Bulgaria and Turkey and Greece have no illusions about the concentration of Nazi troops in Rumania. The Germans have ordered 5,000 collapsible barracks while there are pontoon bridging preparations on the Danube.

GERMAN DIVE-BOMBING BASES in Sicily and Italian aerodromes on the Dodecanese were raided by the Royal Air Force and large fires were observed.

SPEAKING IN NEW YORK, Mr. Wendell Willkie described Mr. Winston Churchill as the greatest public figure in the world.

Heroic Triumph

The Turkish newspaper ULUS, commenting on the British campaign in Africa, speaks of it as an unparalleled triumph and emphasises the high morale and technical qualities of the British war machine, states a London message.

The paper concludes: "No doubt is left in our minds as to which side will win."

A Greek newspaper, commenting on the defeat of the Italians, states that the battle is noted as a heroic triumph by their allies and spells irrevocable defeat for Italy.

The London message added that four Indian soldiers had been captured by the Italians. There are now 300 Indian troops as prisoners in Germany.—(Special)

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Willkie On Preservation Of Democracy

Speaking in New York, in reply to Col. Knox's statement that America could not spare any more destroyers, MR. WENDELL WILLKIE said that he had just returned



MR. WENDELL WILLKIE

ed from a country where free men were fighting for their freedom, states a London message.

"It has been suggested," continued Mr. Willkie, "that the democratic way of living can die in Norway, Belgium, Denmark, France and even England, and still be preserved in America."

"If we can preserve it we render false all the pages of history."—(Special)

Mr. Willkie, addressing a meeting in celebration of Lincoln's birthday, described Mr. Winston Churchill as "the greatest public figure in the world."

Mr. Willkie appealed to the Republican Party to lead the fight to aid Britain, says Reuter.

IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The impressive evidence which Mr. Willkie set before the Senators is adjudged in Washington as likely to accelerate the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill and rally the full strength of the United States people to intense production, says the DAILY Telegraph in a leader.

According to the United States Treasury, British war purchases up to the end of 1940 were to the value of \$230,000,000, probably less than a quarter of our own production.

As the gradual increase rises to a strong flow, America's contribution will be more than one-third this year and thereafter far greater.

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THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.ANNUAL RACE MEETING,
1941.15th, 17th, 18th, 19th and
22nd February.

On Saturday, 15th, Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND
ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

ON NO PRETEXT WILL
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DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

30TH R.A. WIN

Playing with only ten men for practically the whole of the first half, 30th R.A. did very well to take full points from Royal Scots by the goal scored by Round in the second half in the second division of the Football League.

ANNUAL RACE MEET OPENS TOMORROW
TWELVE INTERESTING
EVENTSALL TIME RECORD FOR SPECIAL
\$1 CASH SWEEP

BY "LAST QUARTER"

Happy Valley is sure to present an animated scene when the first saddling bell is rung at 11 a.m. tomorrow, heralding the opening of the official 1941 ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL, which in all probability will develop into a record breaking meeting in all respects. The first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and there will be a fifth interval after the fifth race (1.30 p.m.). Racing will resume in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

New Scale Of Weights

The new revised scale of weights will be in effect for both Australian and China ponies, and it is certain that some startling fast times will be returned. The course is looking in perfect condition, though it is inclined to be on the soft side due to the absence of real strong sunshine these two weeks.

With the large number of ponies entered, it is only reasonable to look forward to fairly large fields and in the events confined to Australian subscription ponies on the last two days of the meeting, when winners are barred, it will be an extremely ticklish job to get the ponies away in proper formation, as the starters will number 30 or more.

The special \$1 Sweep being conducted on the Rothy Hill Derby is being sold at a phenomenal rate and at the time of writing well over 800,000 tickets have been disposed of, thus assuring the two well known War Funds a substantial contribution each.

OPTION OF STARTS

In the races confined to new ponies, particularly Australians, which comprise the major portion of the programme tomorrow, it will be a difficult task to select the winner or nominate starters in advance, as these ponies are invariably entered for more than one event each and owners will undoubtedly not make up their minds until the last minute.

Therefore, in commenting on the events, I am working on the assumption that the better ponies will go for the major events, and have also taken into consideration the fact that the promising contenders will evade each other on the first day and only meet later in the classics.

THE CHALLENGE CUP

This opening event over 1-3/4 miles may well be termed an "unofficial" Champions, if the good ones amongst those entered are sent to the post. The Clre stable will rely on Navylight, last year's winner, in an attempt to win the cup outright by two consecutive wins, but I am afraid this day will have a difficult job to undertake, as Confusion Bay is a vastly improved animal to the one that succumbed by only a short head last year.

I understand that Mr. Pih will have the mount on Confusion Bay, while it is not certain whether Mr. Noodt or Mr. C. B. Moller will be on the Clre candidate. Mr. Needs will be on the old favourite, O-Lan, and I really think the race will result in a struggle between this mare and her stable mate, Confusion Bay. There are two other strong challengers in Burford (Mr. Black) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis).

The former has stood up to the training exceptionally well and I think it will be the first time Burford has raced without any misgivings on the part of punters as to whether he has had sufficient training or is 100% sound. Eve of Harvest is jumping out of her skin and looks the picture of fitness.

There should be an exceptionally fine race between these five I have mentioned and the winner should be a worthy one. Right now, I like Confusion Bay, O-Lan and Burford.

THE SYDNEY MAIDENS

Endeavour and United Express are both drawn in this particular race, but I am working on the assumption that the former will be sent out in the Australian Valley Stakes over one mile, and therefore United Express should be the logical one to follow in this six furlong race. One of the dangerous ones is King's Flight and this pony with Sydney Diamond and Royal

Sovereign should have a nice fight for the minor placings. Fresh Air is also a fairly fast sprinter, while others with chances are Seal River, Bendigo and Anzac Day.

AUSTRAL VALLEY STAKES

I think Marsh Warbler will go out in the Austral Trial Plate instead, and therefore this mile race for Australians griffins will probably be decided between Distant View and A Happy Time. A very strong opponent will be First Love, who has been doing well consistently in training and has quite a turn of speed. King's Welcome will also probably strip here and should be quite close up. Vis Major and Gay Fox are possibilities, while The Nineteenth Hole should run well.

THE SYDNEY MAIDENS

(SECOND SECTION)

I have a feeling that none of the ponies drawn in this section will be reserved for the Australian Valley Stakes, hence I make the chances of Black Seal, Santa Anita and A Surprising Time as exceptionally good. These three ponies are difficult to beat and in looking over the list I think only slight opposition might be offered by The Koala Bear and Princess Adelaide. I thought quite a lot of Hole in One but this day has had a slight setback in condition due to an enforced absence from the course during the past two weeks and has only started working again recently. Amulet Star is a good outsider.

MAIDEN STAKES

This is a six furlong sprint for China griffins and with Oolong and Lovelyleight as possible contenders in The Trial Plate, the finish here should be between Velvetlight, World Fair View and Palber, with Eve of Grandeur as the outsider.

AUSTRAL MAIDEN STAKES

With the better ponies waiting for the Austral Trial Plate or al-pcup outright in the Austral Valley Stakes, I like the chances of Hecossay, as this bay is a recognized sprinter. Glomming may possibly start here and will therefore have to be seriously considered, while Nomine Poenae is another danger. Colocoma is a good bet, with Tropical Love as the next best.

CORAL HANDICAP

It is left to the Australians of former years to provide the first leg of the Daily Double and in this mile race we have Sapper and Far View, with practically nothing in it as regards weights. The rest seems to have done Far View a great deal of good and I should not be surprised if this mare gets the better of her elder brother, in view of the distance. Lancashire Chips and Baffin Bay are superior to the other entrants, with the probable exception of Lucky Lady, who, however, still looks a little weak to me.

AUSTRAL TRIAL PLATE

If the others have started as I assumed, there should be nothing to come up to Marsh Warbler in this mile and a quarter race. Oracle has all the makings of a stayer and is my next fancy. Fleetwing will probably be the Bu Tong Sen candidate and may run into a place. Prairie View, Starlight and Riverside may be saddled and are all capable of running into minor money, though it will have to be behind Marsh Warbler.

THE SYDNEY MAIDENS

(THIRD SECTION)

If Vitamin M starts here she will be one to follow, though it may be possible that the stable connections might prefer sending this candidate out in the Australian Valley Stakes. Bendemeer is a puller and

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"Should the sale of tickets reach the million mark—and, according to the present rate of sales, it is fully expected to—three drums will be used for the draw" said an official of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the course of an interview yesterday morning.

"In the first drum will be numbers 000 to 100; the second drum will contain numbers 00 to 99, as will the third drum. The numbers drawn from each drum, read in sequence of draw, will be the numbers of the tickets. For instance, presuming that from the first drum we have 000, from the second 00, and from the third 01—the number drawn will be No. 1.

"NO DRAW"

"Should the number drawn be higher than the last number of the ticket sold, the units will be thrown back into the respective drums and the number considered as a "no draw." If, on the other hand, tickets sold exceed the million mark then the highest number in the first drum will be raised accordingly.

Questioned as to whether payment will be made on production of half a ticket, the official stated that no payment would be made except on production of the whole ticket. Tickets may be mended, but the whole ticket must be handed in.

At noon the number of tickets sold exceeded 832,000, while at 4 p.m. the total stood at 841,000.

At the latter figure, the prizes are approximately:

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while the other 63 drawers of ponies, whether starters or not, will get about \$1,900 each.

quite fast, so look out for this candidate. Snow White showed great promise at the start of the training and was doing quite well until recently and is now reported to be under a cloud. Dutch Treat seems to be good enough for a place, as the distance should suit this pony. This is the second leg of the Daily Double.

TRIAL PLATE

From what I have seen of recent gallops, I think one need not look further than Lovelyleight, Oolong and Charlesber as possible winners. My preference is for the first named, who I think will be the first string of the Clre stable in the Hongkong Derby on Monday. World Fair View may start here but as this pony has not had sufficient time to train, I think the owners will start in the Maidens, a shorter race. However, he is definitely a good animal and should improve rapidly.

BENDIGO HANDICAP

Crifel is in the pink of condition but the race is from the two mile post and this somewhat lowers his chances. The John Peel candidate, however, should be quite close up. Springhurst is galloping nicely and will be dangerous, especially in view of the 148 lbs. impost. Rowan is in at top weight but it will be no novelty to this

PROBABLE
INTERPORT
HOCKEY XI
HELD

A COMBINED POLICE XI held the COLONY INTERPORT PROBABLES to a goalless draw in a practice match played at King's Park yesterday. The game was played at a fast pace and some good movements were witnessed.

Between the sticks, Benwell was at his steadiest. Gonsalves was the better of the two backs, Bond being somewhat off form.

W. A. Reed played a grand game and Marques gave good support at right-half. Fowler and T. Whitley were the best of the forwards and in the second half, in combination with G. Singh, were seen in some good attacking movements.

For Police, Man Singh, at back, Gough, at pivot, and Parker and Howlett in the attack were outstanding. Police were also a better combination than the Probables.

PROBABLES: V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, J. Gonsalves; R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. B. M. Whitley; H. L. Oozio, T. S. D. Whitley; G. Singh; E. Fowler and W. Brown.

POLICE: Balwant Singh; Man Singh; Blackburn; Rothwell, Gough, Hayward; Teja Singh, Howlett, Jasbir Singh, Parker and Narwant Singh.

MATCH NEXT MONTH

The Interport hockey match between Hongkong and Macao will take place in the Portuguese Colony on Mar. 9.

The local eleven will leave for Macao on the morning of Sunday, Mar. 9.

BOWLS WIN FOR
GOVT. HOUSE

His Excellency Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton entertained the "Bowlers" at Government House to a friendly game of bowls on Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Government House team winning by 17 shots.

Results follow:—

GOVT. HOUSE:—W. Walker, His Excellency, Dr. Newton, J. Deakin (skip) 18; J. A. Fraser, L. E. N. Ryan, D. W. Waterton, R. Duncan (skip) 28; Lieut. Colonel Doughty, Lieut. Colonel Holt, E. D. Evans, A. Costello (skip) 21. Total 65.

BOWLERS:—W. A. Cornell, E. Cock, E. Searle, R. P. Phillips (skip) 17; J. Owen-Hughes, N. L. Smith, Lieut. Colonel Levitt, S. H. Dodwell (skip) 14; Major Walker, D. Drummond, Sir Atholl MacGregor, A. W. Brown (skip) 17.

runner as this brown has shown up time and again with plenty of lead. Brutus and Pumpernickel are going well in training, but the latter may find the distance a trifle long.

AUSTRALIAN VALLEY STAKES

I anticipate Endeavour to have it all his own way in this mile race as Vitamin M, United Express and Black Seal, will probably evade the issue tomorrow and wait until the Rothy Hill Derby before trying conclusions. Manhattan will be able to hold off the others, with Main-sail and Never Never fighting it out for third place.

My final selections will appear tomorrow.

SPORTING
FIXTURES

TODAY
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Winter Swimming Instructional Classes

TOMORROW

CRICKET.—"A" Division: Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C.; Craigengower v. Recreation Second Division; Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; Recreation v. Indian R.C.; Police v. University.

RACING.—H. K. Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting (Happy Valley) 11 a.m. (First Day).

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Royal Scots v. Club (Bookun-poo), 4.15 p.m.; Sing Tao v. Middlesex (Club), 4.15 p.m.; Police v. Kowloon (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: Sing Tao v. Kowloon (Club), 2.45 p.m.; R. A. O. C. v. Navy, (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.; Third Division: 20th R.A. v. Shell (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m.

RUGBY.—Blarney Stone Seven-

a-Side Rugby Tournament, Navy ground, Causeway Bay, First Round.—Club "A" v. Royal Scots "B" (2.30 p.m.); Middlesex "A" v. Tamar and Small Ships "B" (2.50 p.m.); 12th Heavy "B" v. Civil Service (3.10 p.m.); Police "B" v. Royal Scots "A" (3.30 p.m.); R.E. v. 5th A.A. "A" (3.50 p.m.); B and S v. A.S.C. (4.10 p.m.); 8th Heavy "A" v. Jardine's (4.30 p.m.); 5th A.A. "B" v. Combined Small Ships "A" (4.50 p.m.); Hongkong Bank v. 57th Rajputs (5.10 p.m.); 8th Heavy "C" v. Tamar and Small Ships "A" (5.30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

FOOTBALL.—Lai Wah Cup Final: Army v. Civils (Club), 3.30 p.m.; First Division: Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary Street), 4.15 p.m.; Second Division: Kit Chee v. South China (Caroline Hill), 2.45 p.m.; Police v. Kwong Wah (Boundary Street), 2.45 p.m.

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World Needs Carefully
Considered Peace Programme

The world needs a permanent programme of peace and order as surely as it needs armies, E. S. Turner, prominent Y.M.C.A. executive, declared in a speech to the Rotary Club at the Manila Hotel, reports the Manila Bulletin.

"It is wishful thinking of those who believe that nations victorious in the present war, or all of the principal nations immediately concerned in this conflict who might negotiate peace, will give to the world a workable plan of permanent peace," he said. "Any one is doomed to disappointment if they expect it. We do not need to review at length examples of the past to prove the validity of this statement. The Versailles treaty which was the beginning of the present war is sufficient.

"A workable programme should all national legislation in connection with many other nations today which have assumed that a great crisis could only be met successfully by government powers being taken over largely by one man. The ruling spirit of America has been and remains public opinion.

"Even in the midst of a serious turn in the international crisis, we find congress and the President today waiting on public opinion to determine the conditions of the bill now before our government designed to meet America's responsibilities in connection with this crisis. It was public opinion that forced congress and the President to act on the unprecedented preparedness bills passed last summer and legislate new taxes to aid in financing the programme. Politicians were facing election and were hesitant to add new and larger financial burdens on a government already heavy with debts. Taxes were considered unpopular for a candidate.

"America's interest, we need to remind ourselves, is primarily in the needs and happiness of people regardless of race or national boundaries. This characteristic has been convincingly evident in her support of schools, hospitals, health movements, religious orders and the meeting of relief needs around the world. No nation has proportionally equalled our philanthropy and our responsiveness to human needs in war or in peace.

"It is for that reason that America in the present world situation does not feel that her issues are with people but rather with leaders, political and social systems of life. Our government has backed Great Britain because her concept of government and life is more nearly analogous to ours. We have lived happily as a real neighbour with Britain's Commonwealth of Canada. Britain is a part of our civilisation.

TO PRESERVE LIBERTY
"The present state of mind in America continues in the belief that we cannot preserve liberty by taking it away from someone else. The ending of the world war found us asking for no new territorial programme in relation to the Philippines. The Philippines are the outpost of peace and America's concept of democracy in the Far East.

"Here is the product of forty years of statesmanlike democratic and social reconstruction carried out by representative Americans in co-operation with the Filipino leaders and people. Its significance does not rest alone with blessings which have come to the eighteen million Filipinos of today. It should also be seen in the larger light of an object lesson in Christian democracy and America's concept of relationships between nations.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE
"That which impressed me most while in America was not the revolutionary change in the international attitude of the people of the United States but the democratic processes in evidence in

"But to me, the greatest miracle of modern times when we consider conditions in many nations of the world today, is the method by which we make national decisions even in times of gravity, the enduring strength of the unity achieved through democratic processes, our freedom of speech, press and worship that makes of this a way of life. This is the American as well as the Philippine ideal. May we never be able to preserve it."

MODERN MIRACLES
"Some would go to America's outstanding achievements in the field of science and engineering, the great war machine of Germany, the heroism and bravery of Britain, to find the modern miracle. They are miracles. One Frenchman, who sat at the making of the Versailles treaty, informed me on a train between New York and Washington that the energy of America manifested in her effort to accomplish her preparedness within two years what it has taken other nations five, was the great miracle of modern times. Others have pointed to our tolerance toward large groups of nationals from other lands, some of whom have conflicting national loyalties, as a great miracle. It is.

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Alexander's Ragtime Band—M. diey (Berlin) — Lloyd Thomas (Organ). "Wake Up and Live"—It's Swell of You; There's A Lull In My Life—Ruth Etting (Vocal) with Orchestra. "The Hit Parade"—Selection—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London. "Every Night at Eight"—Selection—Phil Green and His Orch.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Composition of Mozart.

Overture "La Finta Giardiniera." — Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Sonata in A Major—1st Mov: Andante grazioso—Variation 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; 2nd Mov: Menuetto and Trio; 3rd Mov: Alla turca—Allegretto & conda—Edwin Fischer (Piano). "The Magic Flute"—Seven Variations on the Duet "The Manly Heart"—Emanuel Feuermann (Cello) and Theo van der Pas (Piano).

1.30 Renter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Vocal—A Little Rain Must Fall (Lottie and Others); Walkin' Thru Mockin' Bird Lane (Peters, Jones); Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra. Vocal—Bluebird; On the Good Ship Bal-lyho—Warner and Darnell. Vocal—Baby, What's Gonna Do Tonight; Head Over Heels in Love (film Head over Heels); — Lilli Palmer with Orchestra. Comedian—When You Hear Music. In A Paradise for Two (both from Paradise for Two)—Jack Hulbert with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

2.45 Indian Programme.

3.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

3.52 The Mills Brothers, Josephine Baker and Val Boing in Variety.

Vocal—Funiculi Funicula (Denza); Asleep in the Deep (Petrie, Lamb); The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a guitar). Vocal—La Petite Tonkinoise (Christine and Others) — J. Baker; J'AI Deux Amours (Scottie & Others) — Josephine Baker and Adrian Lamy with Orchestra. Orch — Sunday On the Swanee (Whitcup-Powell); Za Zoo Za (Large and Others)—Herby Kay and His Orch. Vocal—Chasing Shadows (Davis & Silver); Ask Your Heart (film "White Lies")—Val Rosing with Orchestra. Vocal — The Pin Foot Ploogee (Green and Others). The Mills Brothers and Louis Armstrong.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 A Schubert Programme.

Fantaisie In C Major, Op. 15 (Wanderer)—Edwin Fischer (Piano). Rosamunde — Ballet Music — State Opera Orchestra. The Shepherd on the Rock, Op. 129—Elizabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano and Clarinet.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 An hour of Popular Classics.

Poet and Peasant Overture (Suppe). — Vienna State Opera Orch. Bell Song ("Lafme" — Delibes)—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. Bavarian Dance, Op. 27, No. 1 (Elgar)—London Symphony Orch. cond. by Sir Edward Elgar. Largo (Handel)—Albert Sandler (Violin) with Sidney Torch at the Organ. Heavenly Aids, divine Aids ("Aida" — Verdi) — Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra. Prelude In C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff)—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano). Musetta's Waltz Song (La Boheme)—Puccini — Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orchestra. Fete Dieu A Seville (Albeniz) — Philadelphia Symphony Orch. conducted by Leopold Stokowski. Waltz from "Faust" (Gounod — arr. Liszt) — Eileen Joyce (Piano). Woman Is Picked ("Rigoletto"—Verdi) — Jussi Bjorling (Tenor) with Orchestra. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt) — Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski. Liebesfreund (Kreisler)—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano acc.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: Books and People.

9.45 Max Miller in the Theatre.

Recorded in the Pimbury Park Empire.

10.05 Musical Comedy Selections.

The Vagabond King — Selection (Prinz); The Student Prince—Selection (Romberg)—Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. Music In The Air—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein and Kern) — Light Opera Company with Orchestra. Running Riot — Selection — Debroy Somers Band.

10.30 Dance Music by Ambrose and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—When I Dream of Home; Don't You Ever Cry; Waltzes—When Our Dreams Grow Old; Serenade of Napoli. Fox-Trot—I Was Watching A Man Paint A Fence; Slow Fox-Trot—Love You Much Too Much. Fox-Trot—A Fine Romance; Waltz — By The Wishing Well. Slow Fox-Trot—A Lover's Lullaby.

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Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.
14—Tides: High 11.16 a.m. and 11.07 p.m. Low 5.63 a.m. and 4.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m. St. Valentine's Day.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. Police and Police Reserve Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m. Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Special First Aid Practical Class, Military Hospital, 6.30 p.m.

15—Tides: High 11.55 a.m. and 11.57 p.m. Low 5.37 a.m. and 5.27 p.m. Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.20 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, First Day, 11.30 a.m. H.E. the Acting Governor leaves for Fanling Lodge. Meeting of Creditors of H.K. Dairy Supply Co. Ltd., Windsor House, 12 noon.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt.

16—Tides: High 12.37 p.m. Low 6.14 a.m. and 6.22 p.m. Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m. Lawn Bowls: K.O.C. v. Lane Grw. Junior Golf Championship — Semi-Final.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m. —Speaker: Rev. E. Morton on "The Man Who Didn't Know the Meaning of Can't". Softball League. May Hall, H.K. University. Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

17—Tides: High 12.54 a.m. and 12.1 p.m. Low 6.47 a.m. and 7.27 p.m. Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Second Day, 11.30 a.m. Banks Close, 12 noon.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

18—Tides: High 2 a.m. and 4.16 p.m. Low 12.24 a.m. and 8.57 p.m. Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Third Day, 11.30 a.m. Banks Close, 12 noon. H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

H.K. University: Education Society, General Meeting—Speaker: Prof. R. C. Robertson on "Some Travels and Adventures in the S.W. Provinces of China," 8.15 p.m. Helena May Inst. Lecture by Prof. Gordon King on "China and Modern Obstetrics," open to all members and friends of the H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn., 5.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 3.25 a.m. and 8.2 p.m. Low 8.03 a.m. and 10.47 p.m. Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m. H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Fourth Day, 11.30 a.m.

20—Tides: High 5.07 a.m. and 4.37 p.m. Low 8.55 a.m. Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m. Launching of M. V. Hin Sang, Kowloon Docks, 8 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Movie Evening, 9 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.54 a.m. and 5.47 p.m. Low 12.18 a.m. and 10.21 p.m. Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.23 p.m. H.K. University: Lecture by Prof. P. B. Wilkinson on "Coronary Syndromes," under auspices of the University Medical Society, 8.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

'ROBIN HOOD' AT MAJESTIC

In line with their policy of presenting the pick of screen entertainment to their patrons, the Majestic Theatre will have as its feature attraction, starting tomorrow, "The Adventures of Robin Hood," a massive Technicolor melodrama, produced by Warner Bros., starring Errol Flynn, and featuring Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains, Basil Rathbone, Ian Hunter, and a supporting cast of some thousand players.

The handsome young Irish star, Errol Flynn, who had such triumphs in "Captain Blood" and "The Charge of the Light Brigade" plays Robin. The beautiful young Olivia de Havilland, who was the heroine of those successes, is Maid Marian. This is their third picture together and is said by previewers to excel its predecessors.

This version of "The Adventures of Robin Hood" is altogether different from the great picture which Douglas Fairbanks made in silent form in 1922. It is filled with fighting—bows and arrows, quarter staffs, pikes and broad-swords being the weapons—and is played in immense and beautiful scenic settings—both indoors and out.

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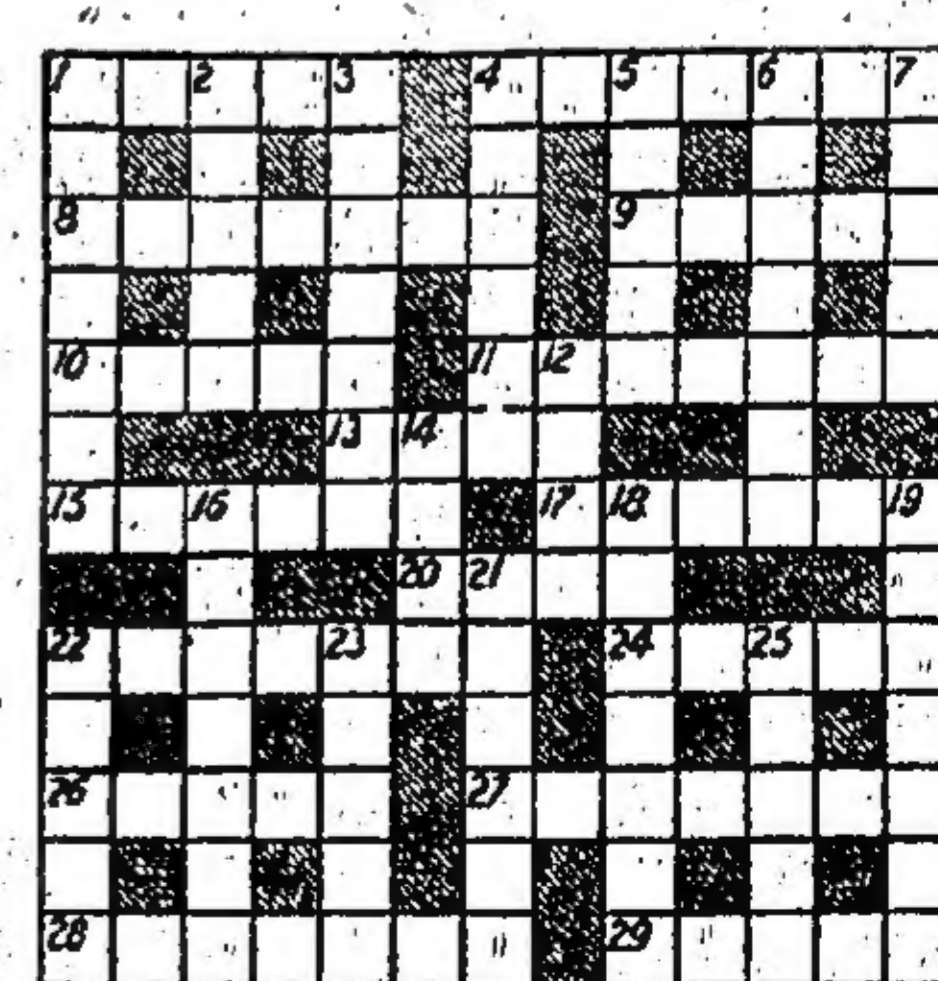
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SOLUTION TOMORROW

CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING IN KWANGTUNG AREA

STAGGERING JAPANESE LOSSES IN RECENT HONAN DEBACLE

SHIUKWAN, Feb. 13 (Central)—There is considerable military action in the Samsui, Fatshan and Sunkai areas. A Japanese column of about 2,000 men launched a northward drive from Samsui on the West River on February 9. A second column of about 1,000 men pushed northward from Sunkai, 17 miles north of Canton, while a third column of equal strength sallied forth from Fatshan, 10 miles southwest of Canton. Fighting continues in these areas.

Following the Chinese recapture of Pingtang and Nanjhi Islands off the Fukien coast on February 4, Japanese troops on the following morning made a forced landing at Kwanyiniao in an effort to recapture the islands. Fighting raged until the evening of the next day, when the Japanese were driven away, suffering more than 200 casualties.

TYPHUS FEVER RAMPANT IN SHANSI

CIVILIANS DYING BY THOUSANDS

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Hundreds of thousands of people in Shansi, most of them civilians, are dying in widespread attacks of relapsing fever and typhus, says Miss Katherine Hall, well-known Shansi missionary who arrived in Chungking en route to New Zealand on Sabbath leave.

The people of Shansi are also facing starvation as much land is left to lay waste since the epidemic began last spring, Miss Hall said.

With young Chinese of the Church of Brethren, Miss Hall visited more than 1,000 villages on foot during the past year having sometimes only two meals of millet daily.

JAPANESE DEPREDAATION

In the seesaw warfare in eastern Shansi and Northern Honan, Miss Hall reports, Japanese troops set fire to all the villages over a tremendous area besides killing thousands as the Japanese are trying to starve out all the troops and civilians there leaving the people to struggle through the winter without houses or clothing.

DR. CURRIE CALLS ON MR. LIN SEN

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Accompanied by Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, Dr. Lauchlin Currie, President Roosevelt's personal representative to China, and Mr. Emil Despres, research official of the Economic Division of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board, called on Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, yesterday morning.

They presented to the Chinese elder statesman a badge commemorating President Roosevelt's Third Term.

SHOOTING INCIDENT IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—A Chinese youth fired a pistol at a motor car outside Paramount Hotel in Yu Yuen Road in Shanghai yesterday afternoon, but missed it. Police of the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Municipal Government arrived at the scene and arrested him. The motive of the shooting has not been ascertained.

Inspection Tour Of Yunnan Border

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—A high ranking Chinese commander is visiting various strategic points along the Yunnan border and is addressing Chinese officers and troops guarding the Indo-China border. During the past fortnight the commander has been visiting frontier positions and observing enemy posts across the border.

400 Japanese Wiped Out At Chumation

FANCHENG, Feb. 13 (Central)—About 400 Japanese troops trapped near Chumation, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, 80 miles north of Sinyang, were wiped out by the Chinese on February 9.

Japanese troops made another attack at Chingchokow, southeast of Shao on the Yangtze River in Hupeh, on February 10. They broke into the township but were driven out after a Chinese en-

Military advices from Fukien reveal that scores of Japanese and puppet soldiers were taken prisoner and three steam boats and a number of rifles were captured upon the Chinese re-occupation of Pingtang and Nanjhi Islands.

BIAS BAY AREA

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Only fighting on a small scale is taking place in the Bias Bay area, according to General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff.

General Pai said that the Japanese landed at Tuntowwan and Aotow and pushed to Tamsui and Pingwu for the purpose of cutting Chinese communication between Wanchow and Hongkong.

Referring to the military operations in south Honan, General Pai said that the Japanese advancing perilously fell into the Chinese enticement. They aimed at dealing a blow upon the Chinese main force but after pushing as far as Wuyang, they failed to locate it and found their supply route cut and their flanks at Sinyang, Kioshan, Chengyang and Miyang subjected to severe attacks.

In an effort to extricate themselves the Japanese, General Pai revealed, tried to return to Sinyang by a detour passing through Fangcheng, Nanyang, and Tanghu, but were intercepted and heavily attacked on the way.

STAGGERING LOSSES

General Pai claimed that the Japanese suffered staggering losses. Upon their withdrawal from Nanyang they destroyed more than 300 lorries while thousands of rifles and other military supplies fell into Chinese hands.

He further revealed that following the defeat in south Honan, a part of the Japanese troops were sent to Canton by way of Hankow. This movement of troops together with documents seized in the wreckage of the Japanese plane brought down in Chungshan in the opinion of General Pai substantiated reports of Japanese preparations for an imminent southward push.

JAP. VERSION OF RECENT AIR TRAGEDY

CHUNGKING CLAIM REFUTED

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—A Japanese naval spokesman, in a statement yesterday evening, contradicted Chungking's claim that the bodies of Admiral Osumi and other victims of the plane accident on Feb. 2 were buried by the Chinese.

He declared Japanese bluejackets on the morning of Feb. 7 effected a landing at the southern foot of Mount Hwangyang, south of Canton, and recovered the bodies which were later brought aboard a Japanese vessel.

The statement categorically denies that Admiral Osumi was proceeding to the South Seas as Commander-in-Chief of the Combined Japanese Southeast Fleet and also states the plane was not shot down by ground fire but crashed into Mount Hwangyang.

BURMA ROAD BOMBED

KUNMING, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Air-raid alarm sirens were sounded in Kunming yesterday morning when two waves of Japanese heavy bombers attacked objectives on the Burma Road.

Another formation of 11 dive-bombers dropped several bombs near Kunming. The "all clear" was sounded at 2.45 p.m.

Japanese troops made another attack at Chingchokow, southeast of Shao on the Yangtze River in Hupeh, on February 10. They broke into the township but were driven out after a Chinese en-

NEW LIFE MOVEMENT

GENERALISSIMO TO BROADCAST TO THE NATION

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central)—Elaborate preparations are being made in Chungking for one week's celebration of the 7th anniversary of the founding of the New Life Movement which falls on February 19.

All the executive members of the movement will be entertained at dinner party on the eve of the anniversary, when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, founder of the movement, will broadcast a speech to the nation.

On the morning of the anniversary day a celebration meeting will be held.

During the celebration period contests in stenography, accounting, cooking, sewing, cartoon drawing, sculpture, first aid and other fields of work will be held. Lectures on the New Life Movement will be given by such prominent people as Mr. Wu Chih-hui, and Mr. Chang Chi, members of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee, and Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanking, and an agricultural show will be held.

Colonel Knox Repudiated

U.S. DESTROYER STRENGTH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—More American destroyers could be sent to Britain without weakening the defenses of the United States.

This statement was made by Mr. Wendell Wilkie last night who said he had been so advised by "high authorities."

Mr. Wilkie made the statement to pressmen following a remark by Colonel Frank Knox yesterday that the United States "can spare no more destroyers."

His full statement reads: "I am surprised by Colonel Knox's statement. The information given me by high authorities in the Government after my testimony on Tuesday confirmed my views that we are in a position, without injury to our Navy or national defence, to give Britain immediate and effective assistance by sending her additional destroyers."

APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEFENCE OF GUAM AND CUBA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has asked Congress for \$888,393,000 in cash and contract authorizations to expedite the shipbuilding programme and carry out the vast expansion of the fleets and shore facilities. The sum includes \$4,700,000 to establish fleet operation facilities and bomb-proof shelters on Guam Island in Southern Pacific and \$5,075,000 for similar purposes in Cuba.

MR. HARRY HOPKINS HELD UP

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Mr. Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's special envoy to England, has been held up on his journey home at Bolama, Portuguese Guinea, owing to slight mechanical difficulty in the Clipper in which he was travelling. He is now expected to reach here on Saturday morning.

Malta Raids

36 ALERTS IN LAST SIX DAYS

MALTA, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Several raids on Malta were carried out during Tuesday night but no damage was done to Government property and no casualties.

One enemy aircraft was damaged during the raid on the R.A.F. detachment on Tuesday afternoon. Malta had 36 alerts in the last six days.

CONSCRIPTION

Conscription of man-power in Malta both for the combatant and non-combatant services is announced for the near future. These measures have the unanimous support of the Council and the Maltese press.

COMMONS DEBATE:

Government Statement On Peace Aims Sought

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Efforts to induce Government to make a formal statement on peace aims were renewed in the House of Commons yesterday when Mr. John Martin (Lab.) asked whether consultation on peace aims and reconstruction have taken place with the Government of the United States.

Mr. Churchill replied: "There is such a thorough comprehension in the United States of what we are fighting for, and stand for, that I cannot recall any occasion when those questions were mentioned by American representatives whom I have seen or correspondents."

"Statements on the British policy will be made by Ministers on occasions when they seem agreeable to public interests."

The matter was raised again on adjournment in the form of a debate which brought another short Government declaration.

Of the four speakers, two argued for a Government declaration, one against, while the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Clement Attlee, reiterated that there would be a declaration at the right time, but the Government must be the judge of the right time.

"There is a growing understanding that we are fighting for a new world not only for Britain but for Europe and the whole civilised world," he said.

POWERFUL WEAPON

"There is a growing realisation of the close linking of our political and economic aims. There is a growing appreciation of the importance of linking peace aims for the world outside and peace aims for this country. But when a statement is made, we want a statement that will make for unity at home, unity with the Dominions, unity with the United States and all civilised peoples in trouble with us."

"The right time must be chosen and the right thing said if we are to use this very powerful weapon to end the war and establish peace."

NORTH CHINA TRADE

Mention of trade difficulties in North China was also made by Mr. R. H. Morgan who asked the Foreign Secretary whether exports from North China were permitted only on payment in Japanese Federal Reserve Bank currency and whether imports were not permitted without a licence from the Bank.

Mr. Morgan also asked whether representations were made to Japan that such control was inconsistent with the Japanese undertaking not to injure foreign interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that these facts were known and that repeated representations were made by the British Government and other governments without a satisfactory answer.

QUESTION TIME

At the forthcoming question time in the House of Commons, Sir George Broadbridge will ask whether the Government is aware that the states of Trengganu and Kelantan (Malaya) are sending regular shipments of iron ore to Japan.

He will also ask whether, in view of the fact that Japan has joined the Axis alliance, steps will be taken to top the supply.

HEAVY CALIBRE GUNS SHELL BRITAIN

NO AIR ACTIVITY

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Long-range guns from across the water yesterday shelled the south-east coast area.

A loud explosion resembling the discharge of heavy calibre gun was heard, followed by two more such explosions.

Subsequently, shells burst in the air over the town and large splinters were picked up.

Two houses were damaged but no casualties were reported.

RAID FREE DAY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique yesterday again reported "nothing to report during daylight."

Up to a late hour last night there was no report of enemy air activity over any part of Great Britain.

BLENHEIM BOMBERS FOR MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Feb. 13 (Reuter)—Following the despatch of formations of Blenheim bombers to Northern Malaya some days ago, it is officially announced that similar formations of modern bombers of the Australian Air Force have also taken up station in that area.



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POLICE CONTINUE DRIVE AGAINST "TSE-FA"

Fines Totalling \$1,330 Imposed Yesterday

Fines totalling \$1,200 were imposed on 15 persons by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, and table money aggregating \$75.99 was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

All defendants were charged with keeping common gaming houses for the purpose of "tse fa" at different addresses in Hongkong on Feb. 12.

Novel Case At Summary Court

MISREPRESENTATION ALLEGED

Alleging that the defendant had induced her to marry him by false pretences, Lai-Kwai-chan, of No. 262, Lockhart Road, brought a claim for \$1,000 against Li Man-chu, of the Man Kwok Garage, No. 439 Hennessy Road, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Summary Court yesterday.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva who described the case as a novel one. Defendant appeared in person.

Before proceeding with the claim, his Lordship pointed out that in her affidavit the plaintiff had stated that she was a spinster while in the statement of claim the word "marriage" was mentioned.

AMENDMENT SUGGESTED

Replying Mr. Silva remarked the error was an unfortunate one and suggested that the writ be amended by the substitution of "contract" or "resultant ceremony" for the word "marriage."

His Lordship said he was not prepared to allow the amendment at this stage as it was of importance that the defendant should know what he was being sued for beforehand.

Pointing out that the claim was not founded upon contract but upon tort, Mr. Silva said that his Lordship was well aware there was no remedy in this Colony for an unmarried mother to obtain maintenance for her illegitimate child.

"Another anomaly of the laws of this Colony," continued Mr. Silva, "is that, as far as the Chinese are concerned bigamy is not a felonious crime, but it is, as in the present case, there has been a misrepresentation that the girl is being married as a kit fat wife, it would constitute a misdemeanor under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance of 1938."

Asked by his Lordship if criminal proceedings had been taken, Mr. Silva replied in the negative.

The case was adjourned sine die for the amendment to be made.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Defendant, according to the statement of claim, offered to marry plaintiff in February, 1940, representing himself as an unmarried and a bachelor. In reliance of that presentation, plaintiff entered into a marriage contract with defendant on March 2. A child was subsequently born, and it was discovered later that defendant was in fact a married man at all material times. Because of the "marriage" plaintiff had expended \$405.30 on furniture and clothing, and this amount constituted part of her claim.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 1941, there were altogether 82 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 21 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese male, age 54, was knocked down and killed by a private car while crossing the carriageway.

Of persons injured, 13 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway.

Of 82 accidents, 24 were collisions between vehicles; 34 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 24 accidents were due to other causes.

The theft of a water pump, valued at \$40, from No. 118, Austin Road on Wednesday has been reported to the police by Mr. George Young.

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT

FINE RENDITIONS BY STRING BAND

A delightful musical evening was spent by the large audience who attended the second concert of the Little Flower Club, King's Park, last night.

A feature of the programme were the renditions by the Club's string band, "A Lira da Florinhas," whose items well deserved the spontaneous applause.

Miss Lillian Foster evoked much laughter with a monologue entitled, "What Is A Gentleman?" while the tap dance exhibition by the Personality Girl (Miss Della Silva) was also well received.

The duties of M.C. were ably discharged by Miss N. M. Osmund. The total receipts amounted to about \$200.

THE PROGRAMME

L.F.C. String Band — L.F.C. Anthem; March; Chiribiribin (Soprano Solo, Miss D. Souza); Vocal Duet — La Sella (Irene Osmund and Therese Rodrigues); Two Songs — (Mrs. E. Carvalho); Monologue — "What Is A Gentleman?" (Miss L. Forster); L.F.C. String Band — Love Is All; Gavotte; La Espanola.

INTERVAL

L.F.C. String Band — Waltz; When We Are Married (Vocal); Irene Osmund and Therese Rodrigues; Comical Song — La Potégola (Miss E. Souza); Two Songs — (Mrs. E. Carvalho); Personality Girl — (Tap Dance by Miss D. Silva); L.F.C. String Band — Serenade by Schubert (Vocal Miss D. Souza); La Vergine Degir Angeli (Soprano Solo, Miss E. Yuen, and Chorus); God Save the King.

PLANE STRIKES JUNK MAST

According to a Police report a commercial plane, believed to be a Eurasia machine, when was gliding down towards Kai Tak Airport, struck the mast of a junk when about 300 yards from the seavall on Wednesday.

The plane only sustained slight damage to its wing but it landed safely. The company's officials, however, have expressed ignorance of this accident.

The same report stated that it was not known whether any damage was done to the junk but, apparently, no persons were injured.

Chinese Red Cross Society To Meet February 15-16

The National Red Cross Society of China will hold its annual conference here on Feb. 15 and 16 under the chairmanship of Dr. C.T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States and President of the Society.

Members of its Executive and Supervisory Committees, who are expected to attend include Messrs. Wang Hsiao-lai, K.H. Ling, Y.M. Chien, and Hsu Shih-ying and Drs. J. Heng Liu, C. Pan and Robert Lim.

During the conference, the work of the Society last year will be reported and plans for relief work during the current year will be discussed.

False Affirmation On Probate Alleged

Committal proceedings of the case in which LUI FOOK-WING, alias Kong Keung, 45, broker, and LI WAH-SING, alias Li Pang, 37, unemployed, are charged with uttering a forged document on June 18, 1940, purporting to be the will of the late Lau Mau, obtaining a loan of \$3,000 on mortgage of the property mentioned in the will, and causing rent on the property to be collected, knowing that the will to have been forged, was begun before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

First defendant was additionally charged with making a false affirmation at the Supreme Court in a petition for probate and conspiring with others to forge the document.

Mr. Him-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn, conducted the prosecution, and was assisted by Sub-Insp. C. H. Goodwin, while both defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

Lau Mau died intestate in Tung Shing Village, of Tai Shan, on Mar. 27, 1939, leaving behind a widow, an adopted son, a daughter-in-law, Lau Lam-shi, who is the complainant, a grandson and two great-grandsons. He also left an estate consisting of three houses in the country and one at No. 14, Sung Hing Lane. Out of sheer ignorance, the family made

no effort to obtain probate in the Supreme Court after his death.

ALLEGED ROBBERY

Some time in May, 1940, title deeds of the property, which were entrusted to a Lau Hi-kai by the deceased four or five years ago, were lost as a result of an alleged robbery at the former's house.

On June 18, 1940, first defendant filed an application for probate, which was granted on July 27.

On Aug. 28 of the same year, after raising a mortgage of \$3,000 on the property, first defendant proceeded to provide a power of attorney in favour of second defendant to collect rent.

First defendant was stated to have no relationship whatsoever with the family.

Further hearing was fixed for Feb. 20, at 2.30 p.m.

WOMEN PANIC IN KOWLOON CONFLAGRATION

CIGARETTE STUB CAUSE OF FIRE

The Chung Hwa Book Factory, Hunghom, was the scene of some excitement about 11.30 yesterday morning when hundreds of women workers, frightened by the fire alarm raised in the factory, rushed out to the streets.

The conflagration broke out in one of the store-rooms in which papers and cloths were stored. Two appliances were early on the scene and with the assistance of foks of the company had the fire under control within 20 minutes.

The first was first discovered by a watchman who saw thick smoke coming out from the depot. The Police and Fire Brigade were immediately summoned. Inspector A. Baker and Sgt. A. F. Haynes were early on the scene and assisted in the operations.

It is believed that the fire was caused by a cigarette stub carelessly discarded by a foki. Damage, however, was small.

WORLD EARS ON CHINESE MUSIC

The prophecy that some day all the ears of the world will turn on Chinese music was made by Mr. Fung Hin-chung in his talk on "Some remarks on Music" at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club in the St. Francis Hotel yesterday.

The reasons which led the speaker to draw his conclusion were stated as that the advancement of Western music had reached its peak and that the new and younger generation of the West were always wanting something new.

Chinese music centred on melody, while Western music put more weight on harmony, he said. Mr. L. K. Chu thanked the speaker.

H.K. LAND INVESTMENT PROFIT

The following report will be presented to shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the annual meeting to be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at noon on Monday, Feb. 24.

The net profit for the year, before providing for the amortisation of Crown leases and the replacement of buildings by writing off depreciation, amounts to \$1,077,574.06 which with \$645,958.74 brought forward from last year has been credited to Profit and Loss Appropriation Account.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

An interim dividend of 1¢ per share, absorbing \$300,000, has already been paid and after writing off \$27,704.48 from land and \$225,590.57 from buildings, there remains a balance of \$1,170,237.75 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.50 per share on 300,000 shares, \$450,000; to add to special repairs and renewals account, \$5,754.80; to pay a bonus to staff, \$10,000; to transfer to General Reserve account, \$40,000; to carry forward unappropriated, \$664,482.95.

CHINA PROVIDENT TO PAY DIVIDEND

The Board Meeting of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, was held yesterday and it was decided, subject to audit, to make the following recommendations to shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting:

To Pay a Dividend of 50 cents per share, \$221,106.50; To Pay a Bonus of 25 cents per share, 110,553.25; To Pay a Bonus to Staff, 25,000; To Transfer to General Reserve, 50,000; To Carry Forward to 1941 Account, 60,490.19. Total, \$467,149.94.

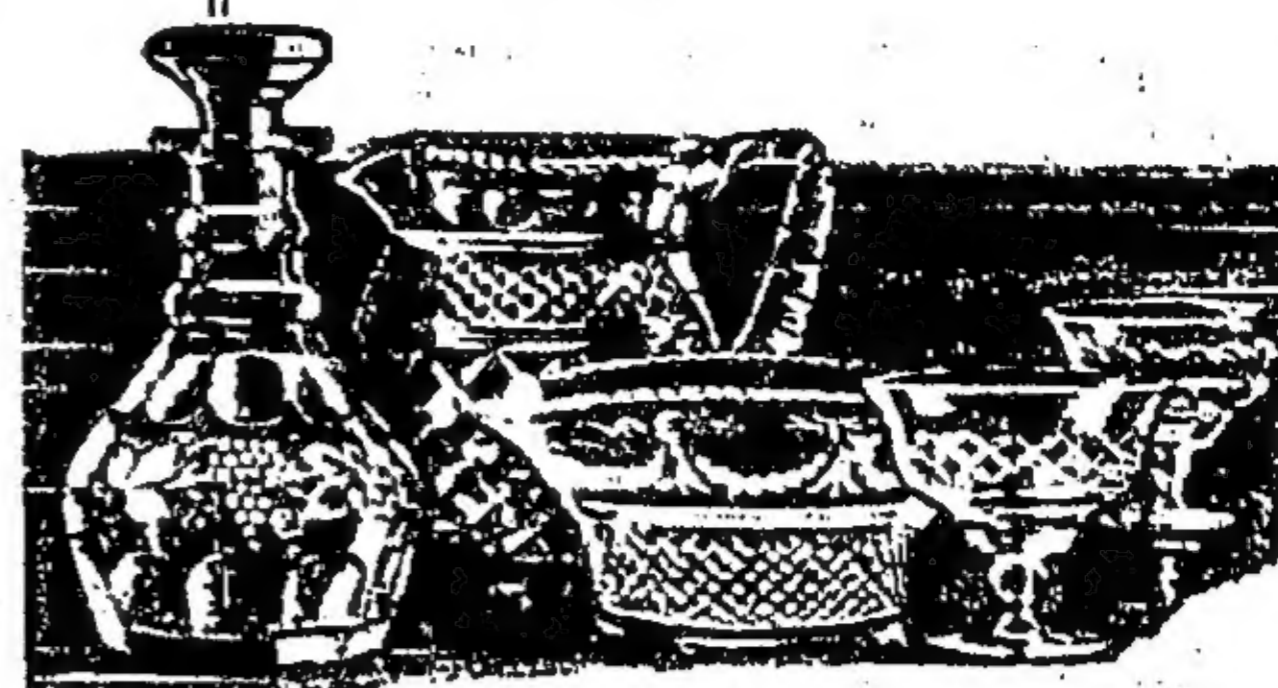
VALENTINE DAY

Today, Feb. 14, Valentine Day, was, up to the beginning of this century, celebrated as a lover's festival—a day on which it was the custom to send anonymous love-tokens, or "valentines", to one's girl friends.

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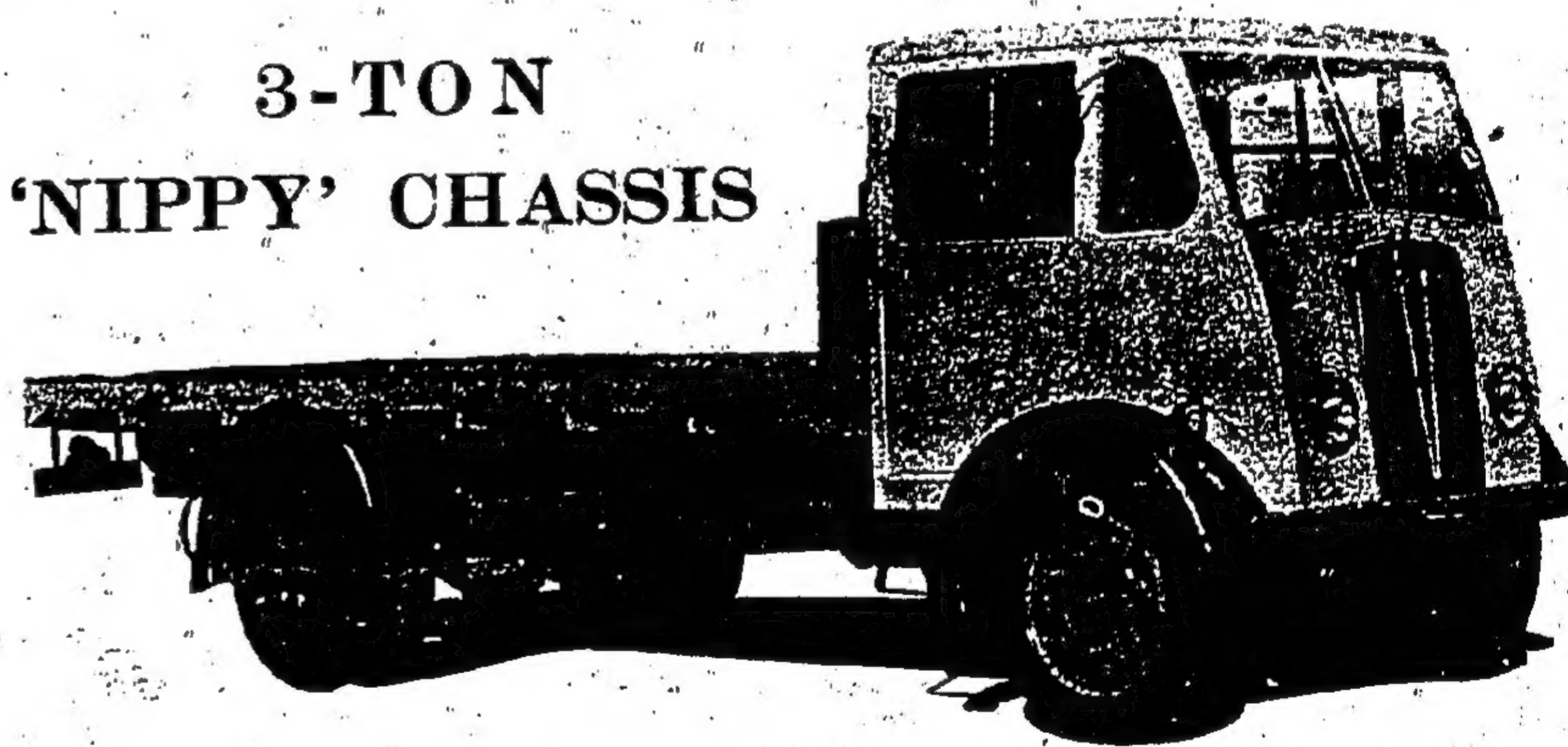
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- All vehicles going to the Races at Wong-Nei-Chong will proceed clockwise round Happy Valley via Wong-Nei-Chong Road to the entrance gates.
- Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the Race Course.
- Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the Race Course as directed by the Police on duty.
- Dogs are not allowed on or near the Race Course. Any dog found straying on or near the Race Course is liable to be destroyed.

NOTE.—Kennedy Road will be open to light motor traffic from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Extra Race Meeting during the year 1941—On days fixed for Extra Race Meetings.

One way traffic will be enforced in Wong-Nei-Chong Road. Kennedy Road will not be open to motor traffic.

PARKING OF CARS AT THE RACE COURSE.

- The Stand at the public entrance is reserved for Jockey Club Stewards and Officials only.
- Morrison Hill parking ground opposite Civil Service Club and Village Road reserved for Private Cars.
- Ventris Road reserved for Public Cars.

C. G. PERDUE,
Ag. Commissioner of Police.
14th February, 1941.
Hong Kong.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open at 9.30 a.m. and will close at 12 noon for the transaction of Exchange business on Monday and Tuesday, the 17th and 18th February (RACE MEETING).
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1941.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1940, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 6th March, 1941, to Wednesday, the 19th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th February 1941.

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FRANCE'S FOOD SHORTAGE

Crisis Facing The Nation

"Unless all French farmers fully realise the vital importance of abiding by the Government's plan of food supplies, unless they constantly bear in mind the national importance of the regulations and taxation applying to farming products, the next winter in France will be still harder than the present one," M. Jean Achard, Secretary of State for Supplies, stated in Vichy, addressing a meeting of farming unions from South East France, over which he presided.

"Next winter might even be tragic if the peasant and working classes do not fully and cordially co-operate," he added.

M. Achard said it was highly regrettable that the Paris press was attempting to cause a breach between city workers and peasants.

"A rupture between peasants and industrial workers would be catastrophic," he stated.

ONE MONTH ONLY

M. Achard then pointed out that while Germany entered the war with more than a year's stock of food supplies, France, in July last, had enough foodstuffs for one month only.

"France had no plan for food supplies," he added, "and every thing had to be improvised."

"The whole crux of the situation," he stressed, "is to know whether we are to build up a rational supply organization before we feel the full force of the crisis, or whether we will let the crisis gain headway."

He then urged farmers to increase their production, and announced that a system of bonuses for large crop yields would be instituted shortly.

"In this country in which the people are unanimously behind the Chief of State, a collaboration between agriculture and trade is being established," he said in conclusion. "It must be completed soon. At this price only can France be saved."

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JAPAN AND NAZI CALCULATIONS

HERR HITLER has been making some rapid calculations in an attempt to balance his "ambitions" budget, which has begun to show a big deficit in the west. The sum total of this laborious study of the political and military problem now confronting him has resulted in an attempt being made to his credit side an uncertain and already jumbled figure represented by the Japanese nation. The error of these calculations lies in the fact that, while they might pretend to increase his falling credit balance, the value of this addition is inconsequential owing to the heavy subtractions which have already been made from the original Japanese units of economic and military strength. The metaphor serves to illustrate the value of the move which Herr Hitler is obviously making to involve Japan in war with Britain and the United States in the vain hope that, by creating a conflict in the Pacific, he might so cause Britain to disperse her military and naval strength and embroil the United States in major naval operations, that Britain's home front will suffer in consequence and become weakened by the failure of the United States to supply her with the large-scale assistance now being planned.

THE MOST incredible factor in these calculations is that the Japanese appear to be blindly willing to be led into this tremendous swindle. They have already had the privilege of hearing a quick answer from President Roosevelt to Herr Hitler's wishful thinking that involving the United States in war will retard American assistance to Britain. They have been made aware of the huge preparations which have been made in Australia and in Singapore to resist any attempt by their militarists to attack these vital outposts of the British Empire. They must realise that the fight, if and when it comes, is not going to be just a walk-over for them and that their already strained financial, economic and material resources must surely crack under the strain of a long major battle. And what is far more important to Japan is that any decision which they might thus make to spread the hostilities to the Far East will serve them most disastrously in their expedition into China—a venture which is even now proving more of a nuisance value to them than ever before. The prospect considered from these points of view are, therefore, by no means pleasant to Japan, particularly in that neither Germany nor Italy will be able to render her the slightest material assistance to help her to emerge successfully from such a Pacific conflict.

THE EXTENT, however, to which Nazi influence seems to have secured in Japan is noticeable in the news published yesterday that a newly-formed association has called upon the Government

DEVELOPMENTS IN FAR EAST:
FORMER SHANGHAI EDITOR'S VIEW
ON PRESENT SITUATION

"PATRIOTIC AND OBEIENT AS THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE, DISCONTENT IS UNDOUBTEDLY RISING AMONGST THEM," SAID MR. O. M. GREEN, former editor of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the developments in the Far East.

"In the past few days," said Mr. Green, "Japan and her intentions have taken the leading place in all newspapers. Almost daily Mr. Matsuoaka has delivered some fiery speech, now threatening, now declaring that Britain and the United States are trying to encircle Japan, but always declaring that nothing will stop her from carrying out her aims."

HITLER'S PRESSURE

"It is well-known that Herr Hitler has been trying to induce Japan to take some action in the Far East at the same time that he starts his 'blitz' in Europe. It is also well-known that there is a section of the Japanese who are for falling in with this scheme."

"Japan also has need for the riches of Indo-China, the Dutch East Indies and Malaya, to solve her financial and economic difficulties which she has been experiencing since the start of her war in China. Every year Japan's budget has risen by 1,000 million yen and it is now nearly six times what it was before the war began."

Mr. Green said that taxation in Japan had now reached its limit and the standards of living of the Japanese people, always so very simple, have been cut down severely.

The fact also that the death penalty would now be imposed for publishing any diplomatic articles considered against the state was particularly significant.

HEAVY COST

"There is not the slightest sign that the war in China is going to end," continued Mr. Green. "It has cost the Japanese a million casualties and other difficulties."

"The plain common-sense view of the whole situation is that Japan is after further military adventures. There is reason to believe that there is an increasing number of sober-minded men who believe that it will be preferable to wait and see how Herr Hitler's plans turn out before plunging into a war at his behest."

BITTEN BY WIFE

Mr. William Edward Mason, Russell-road, Palmers Green, N., who was granted by Mr. Justice Bucknill in the Divorce Court a decree nisi because of the cruelty of his wife, Mrs. Jessie Kathleen Mason, alleged that she struck him in the stomach and made him faint; and bit him on the left arm, making it bleed badly.

to take steps which obviously have been suggested by Berlin. The so-called Nationalist Association has thus relegated to itself the entire responsibility of dragging the Japanese nation into a position from which it will be difficult to withdraw. The cry of protest against what this association calls "interference with Japan's living space" is a perfect imitation of the "lebensraum" whine of the Nazis and the utterances made at the inauguration of this National body might well have been prepared by Herr Hitler himself. It thus becomes clear that Herr Hitler has found another willing tool to carry out his bests—probably under the most gratuitous promises of "help yourself, comrade" to anything Japan may like in the Far East! The Japanese have, it seems, been made to believe that a Nazi-victory is certain and, despite growing evidence of how far Herr Hitler's calculations have proved totally wrong in the past, their militarists are lending themselves to become participants in a huge gamble; which, if they lose, will see a repetition of the ludicrous situation which the lesser gangster of Europe has led his country into. The Japanese people have always been prone to speak of their heaven-born inheritance—it is left to be seen whether even this peculiar asset will help to avert the disaster into which they are being led.

Chinese Raid
On Shumchun
Reported

Information from reliable sources reveals a daring Chinese raid on the Japanese at Shumchun on Wednesday night.

It is stated that the raid was staged by scores of Chinese soldiers in plain clothes, taking advantage of the depletion of the Japanese garrison there for action along the East River. After occupying the Shumchun railway station, the Chinese raiders rushed to attack the Japanese military headquarters at the former premises of the Bureau of Police. Hand-grenades were showered on the Japanese barracks there. Japanese supply and ammunition depots were set on fire, with detonations heard even in the New Territories.

The Chinese retired to their base, as Japanese reinforcements rushed to the scene.

CHOPPER WOUNDS
ON NECK

A Chinese was found dead with several wounds about his neck yesterday about 8.40 a.m. at Chuk Hing Lane, near Gage Street. The body was later identified as Li Hung, 22, news-boy.

According to his friend, the deceased had been ill for about a week and was in financial distress. It was believed that he committed suicide in despair. The "chopper" was found near his body.

The body was removed to the mortuary.

NEWSETTES

The West Lounge of the European Y.M.C.A. was the scene last night of a film show when a programme of about half-a-dozen reels of travelogues and documentary films was screened to an audience of about 50.

The mobile black-out demonstration, undertaken by the A. R. P. Headquarters to teach proper air raid precaution methods to the Colony's residents, was staged before H. E. the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton at 7 p.m. last night.

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. Tang Pat, of No. 242, Cheung Sha Wan Road, ground floor, Shamshuipo, and Miss Cheung Kwai-lan, of No. 399, Castle Peak Road, second floor, was announced at the Registry yesterday.

The exhibition of some 500 photographs, the work of the Chinese Mohammedan Goodwill Mission during its recent tour of British Malaya and other South Sea regions, was continued yesterday at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., under the auspices of the Hong-kong branch of the National Women's Relief Association. A number of purchases were made by visitors and all proceeds are for the relief of refugees.

Japanese People Urged To
Overthrow Militarists

An appeal to the Japanese people to rise, arm themselves and raise the revolutionary standard in order to free Japan from the clutches of her militarists and to establish real and lasting peace in East Asia was made in a manifesto issued by the Kwelin branch of the Japanese People's Anti-War League on the occasion of the first anniversary of its establishment.

THAI VIOLATIONS
OF ARMISTICE

VICHY, Feb. 13 (Reuters).—The Thai violations of the Armistice convention with Indo-China are alleged by the French authorities here to have occurred on several occasions.

The violations have been brought to the attention of the Japanese Government who are acting as mediators in the border dispute.

MILITARY SITUATION IN
AFRICA & THE BALKANS
UNDER REVIEW

"I personally have been confident for some little time that we could get to Benghazi. Since the capture of Tobruk it seemed certain that no resistance from Italy would stop General Wavell's forces," said CAPT. CYRIL FALLS, military correspondent of The Times, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the further British successes in Africa and on the later military developments in the Balkans.

Capt. Falls said that two factors might have stopped General Wavell's advance—the difficulties of maintaining communication lines and transport of supplies and the second was the risk of making the attempt if only for its strategic importance.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

"The first problem was solved by the aid given by the Mediterranean Fleet," said Capt. Falls. "As for the second, the strategic importance of Benghazi made it desirable to capture this place even if risks were involved. Risks must be taken in war and they could be minimised by organisation, which was a feature of this campaign."

"Our forces covered a great deal of ground in defence as well as attack. So I took it for granted that Benghazi would be ours. I did not look forward to seeing it in our hands so soon. That last rush of 150 miles in 30 hours is something new in warfare and it will mark a milestone in its annals."

"It was like the arc of a circle and our forces bottled up the Italian force which was striving to escape to Tripoli. There was very sharp fighting with this Italian detachment, which was supplied with tanks and which made a determined effort to fight its way through. Our men were again inferior in numbers and history shows that it is not always a happy day for a smaller force which flings itself in the path of a retreating army."

WELL-WORTH HAVING

"Benghazi is well worth having. The harbour is a good one. It can take large supply ships and cruisers, though it won't take a battleship. It provides a useful base for an offensive and for the transport of supplies."

"I also imagine that a certain amount of supplies can be drawn from the recently conquered country."

"The Army of the Nile did not rest content with the capture of Benghazi. Its advance guard swept on to El Gahila, 170 miles up the road from Benghazi and only ten miles from the border of Tripoli."

"The operations in East Africa are continuing satisfactorily," continued Capt. Falls, "but there is comparatively little to be said about them at this state. There is one new development which is of remarkable interest. Our forces on the frontier between the Sudan and Eritrea have opened out a new line of operations on the coast."

ADVANCE TO RED SEA

Capt. Falls pointed out that the successes gained here would hasten an advance to the Red Sea port of Massawa. The campaign in East Africa differed from that in Libya, because so far the Navy had not been able to give the land forces any direct assistance as it had done along the Mediterranean coast.

"Now it seems possible that the Navy will be able to intervene on the Red Sea coast, though only on a small scale," he said. "It is worthy of attention too that the South African troops are advancing."

In Southern Abyssinia and have already captured a quantity of war material. "Apart from enemy resistance, which is not very serious here, they may have greater difficulties to contend with than the forces operating in Eritrea on account of the lack of communications."

BALKAN DEVELOPMENTS

"Let me now leave Africa for this week and conclude with a brief review of what is happening in Bulgaria," continued Capt. Falls. "The British Government have now felt compelled to withdraw their Minister from Bucharest. This action has been taken because Germany has constituted in Rumania, without protest from the Rumanian Government, what amounts to an expeditionary force, the object of which is believed to be to occupy Bulgaria and from Bulgaria to threaten Greece and Turkey. It is also reported that the Germans have been installing themselves on Bulgarian airfields and if they have, it could not be without the complicity of the Bulgarian Government. This is obviously to have everything ready for a march south."

"Rumania has, therefore, made herself into a German base and, in these circumstances, the action of the British Government is justified to the hilt. We must remember that Rumania is particularly well situated to be a base for an offensive. Wherever else Germany takes military action she must transport oil, the life-blood of a fighting force. The Danube, which is used in summer for the transport of Rumanian oil, is now closed and railway communication is not too good."

GREAT ADVANTAGE

"If Germany takes action from a base in Rumania, she can use the oil which is on the spot and that is a very great advantage."

"Some of you who may now be listening to me, will remember that quite early in the course of the war I spoke about possible developments in the Balkans and the importance of the fuel route to the Mediterranean. In those days one could discuss these possibilities with equanimity. We had the French army in Syria—that army has now been neutralised."

Capt. Falls pointed out that from time immemorial there had been two land routes across the Balkans—one was the central route to the Mediterranean and the other was through Sofia on to Adrianople and so on to Istanbul and the Straits. There were many difficulties of politics and race, religion and climate, but these two routes—one through Central Europe and the Mediterranean and the other through Central Europe and Asia Minor were of primary importance, because the Danube was now frozen. There was a less important route straight from Sofia down to Salonika.

"Whatever may happen, we have now strengthened our position in the Mediterranean," said Capt. Falls. "Only a few months ago we should have been compelled to let Germany call the tune here. Now we are stronger. This new threat cannot be under-rated, but it can be calmly faced and measured."

COLD WAVE
IN CHINALOYANG BLANKETED
IN DEEP SNOW

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13 (Central).—A cold wave is sweeping over many parts of China, reports received here indicate.

Loyang is lying under three feet of snow as a result of a heavy snowfall since Tuesday night, which is the first for the winter. The farmers in the countryside are jubilant as it heralds a bounteous year.

After a thunderstorm last night, snow fell at Enshih, Hupeh, this morning. The mercury registered a heavy drop.

Snow also fell at Hingtsi and other towns in Shensi.

JAPANESE FIRMS CLOSE NEW YORK BRANCHES

IN SPITE OF THE ARRIVAL OF ADMIRAL NOMURA, THE NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, IN WASHINGTON, JAPANESE RESIDENTS ARE CONTINUING TO LEAVE AMERICAN SHORES AND SEVERAL BUSINESS FIRMS HAVE CLOSED THEIR NEW YORK BRANCHES, STATES A SAIGON MESSAGE.

Admiral Nomura paid a formal call on Mr. Cordell Hull on Wednesday and arrangements are being made for the Japanese Envoy to present his credentials to President Roosevelt today.—(Special)

"NOTHING SO DANGEROUS"

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—If President Roosevelt's denial of war danger in the Pacific is based on the completion of a system of full collaboration between the United States, Australia and Britain for the defence of South Pacific against Japan then "there is nothing so dangerous," declares the Japanese military organ, YOMIURI SHIMBUN, commenting on President Roosevelt's statement at the Press conference on Feb. 11.

The paper asserts that the United States has actually sent a naval observer to Australia and is reportedly planning to send observers to Auckland, Singapore and Capetown. This places the waters east of the Suez under the control of the United States.

The paper believes that as a result of the talks between Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. R. G. Casey, Australian Minister, the United States has been given the right to use Australian ports and air bases.

BAD CASE OF JITTERS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Shanghai experienced a bad case of jitters today as a result of the issue by the United States Consul-General of a circular advising the evacuation of non-essential Americans and a flood of wild rumours, including a reported declaration by Mr. Roosevelt that a Pacific war is inevitable.

Shares in the Shanghai Stock Exchange hit a record low for the year following a spectacular collapse wherein some issues lost over 10 points.

An American Consulate circular, which is issued at the request of the State Department in Washington, says the advice is intended to "apply particularly to women, children and those men whose continued presence are not regarded as urgently or essentially required."

NECESSARY PRECAUTION

"This advice is a further necessary precautionary measure and is being given in the interest of both safety and convenience of American nationals and in the interest of national security."

"The State Department does not contemplate sending special vessel or special vessels to assist the withdrawal. It is expected American nationals will take advantage of such transport facilities as may be currently available."

NEW U.S. ENVOY TO LONDON



Mr. John B. Winant, the new United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James's.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN EUROPE

Germany Disclaim Hague Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The German claim that international laws do not oblige Germany to supply food to people outside Reich territory exposes the emptiness of the earlier Nazi boast that they could guarantee the feeding of everyone on the continent, states the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

The Ministry denies the German disclaimer, pointing out that the Hague Regulations of 1907 provide that "after legal authority has actually passed into the hands of those occupying the country, the latter are under an obligation to take all measures possible to maintain public order and safety."

An official of the Ministry today gave further evidence of the blockade for the food shortage in many parts of German-controlled Europe which, he said, was actually due to German depredations.

German long-range guns, mounted on the French coast, went into action across the Straits of Dover yesterday morning for the third day in succession, states a London message.—(Special)

DEMOCRACY MARCHES:

BRITAIN'S EFFORTS IN THE WAR TO SAVE THE WORLD

"A nation at war is like an invalid man; it must control its strength and if its people will forego certain privileges, then they will save their country, if by their sacrifices they can preserve their liberty," said MR. SIDNEY HORNIBLOW, B.B.C. commentator, when he broadcast from London yesterday in the series "Democracy Marches."

Mr. Horniblow, who was addressing his remarks particularly to the people of the United States, said that even if they were 3,000 miles away, their life would be upset.

WHY SHOULD IT HAPPEN?

"I know what you are thinking," continued Mr. Horniblow. "You are thinking that life was so pleasant, why cannot it stay like that? Then your President tells you that you must pay money in taxation. Many of your young men have been called up for national service. It may be that before long you may have to give up some of the luxuries you are used to. And therefore you say: 'Why on earth should this happen to us?'"

"That is what we said three years ago. One by one countries in Europe were threatened and many argued 'Why meddle in their affairs? Let them settle it.'"

"Then it dawned on us that this was not going to be a war to save one nation or another—it was going to be a war to save the whole world. It was a war of good against evil, a war to preserve the Christian way of living and that this was the turning point in man's history. Do you see this conflict in that light?"

NO ORDINARY WAR

"Our women and children are being machine-gunned by Nazi airmen. Our homes and business houses have come crashing down about our ears and our hopes and ambitions have been smashed too."

"But this is only the material position. We can bear it, though what we cannot bear is the loss of someone dear to us—a troublesome child, a frail old man, a wife or a mother. It is when we see these things that we know that this is no ordinary war. It becomes a tremendous stroke to stem the tide of evil."

"That tide has already crushed eight nations—and they asked for nothing but to be left in peace. And now they have to range themselves on the side of good or evil. We see a new crusade and it is

only the miraculous courage of our young fighting men that has saved us."

"If we are to win victory—decisive victory—we must have the weight of arms to strike hard at the enemy. It will not be enough to hit him once. Herr Hitler is capable of taking more than one punch on the nose. We need weapons for long attack and that attack must never cease until that victory is won."

100 PER CENT. EFFORT

"I am trying to give you some idea of what the 100 per cent. war effort does to the life of the ordinary man and woman," continued Mr. Horniblow, who then went on to detail the various luxuries which the people of Britain had given up and the "great sacrifices they had made."

This war, he said, was costing the British people over £12,000,000 a day—that is round \$50,000,000—and that means that the ordinary men and women of Britain must hand to the state every penny they could spare. And yet, in spite of these tremendous burdens, there were hundreds of thousands who felt that they could contribute more to the war effort. So they would invest their money in war savings and get about 2½ or 3 per cent. interest. These people, the ordinary men and women, had already saved in this manner £500,000,000. They were helping to pay for the war indirectly.

"ORDERS—NOT APPEALS"

It was the same story with regard to the manufacturers. Most of them had already given over their plant for war work. His workers had previously enjoyed a forty-hour week. That was at an end now. One out of every four of these workers had been called up for national service.

The manufacturer had also adopted his plant to increase production. Factories were working night and day. The average weekly pay for men had been more than doubled and they worked for six and even seven days in the week. They all lived on the slogan "We want orders—not appeals."

"I emphasise this point, because the compulsory control by the state is, I feel, a step in the right direction and in the true spirit of democracy," said Mr. Horniblow.

BRITAIN-THAI RELATIONS

BANGKOK, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—There is absolutely no change in the relations between Britain and Thailand, said a high Government authority.

He emphasised there is no misunderstanding whatever between the two Governments and pointed out the customary courtesy of the Governments in exchange of information of defence preparations of their respective territories, adjoining the Thai-Malaya border. Therefore, press reports of military air force reinforcements on the Malaya side of the border came as no surprise to the Thai Government.

HOME FLEET IN SECRET ACTION

The British Home Fleet carried out a secret action in the South Atlantic on Wednesday, states a message from Sydney.

No details have been given but it was reported that the warships operated for three days and three nights without seeing a single enemy ship or plane.—(Special)

RUMANIAN MISSION CALLED HOME

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Rumanian Government has instructed its Charge d'Affaires and the Rumanian Legation Staff in London to return to Rumania, states a Legation official here yesterday.

The Belgian Government has called up for military service all Belgians of the 1929-1940 class who are living in South Africa, Mozambique and Mauritius, states a London message.—(Special)

TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR

"YOUR DEEDS MEAN MUCH MORE THAN THE OVERTHROW OF THE ENEMY. THEIR EFFECT CAN EASILY MEAN THE TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR," declared the Australian Prime Minister, MR. R. G. MENZIES, when addressing Australian troops, states a London message.

A visit to Benghazi was a fitting close to Mr. Menzies' nine days tour of the battle area in Libya. Travelling in an R. A. F. bomber escorted by fighters, Mr. Menzies returned from Cairo on Wednesday. General Sir Thomas Blamey, Commander-in-Chief of the Australian forces, joined the party near Tobruk.

General Mackay, Commanding Australian troops in Libya, entertained Mr. Menzies, General Blamey, General O'Connor, Australian brigadiers and senior officers of the R. A. F. at luncheon after which the Australian Premier spoke to pilots and men of Australian Squadrons and commended them on their wonderful work.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Menzies awoke to the barking of A. A. guns firing at three enemy aircraft which dropped their bombs harmlessly into the sea.—(Special)

EXPORTS AS WAR WEAPON

New British Minister On His Policy

There is to be no change in the British Government's export policy. The new President of the Board of Trade, Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, emphasised at a London conference that the export drive begun by his predecessors Sir Andrew Duncan, now Minister of Supply, has been a great success and is to be continued.

The only difference, Capt. Lyttelton declared, is that the policy must be given a different emphasis to meet the needs of the war. "We must mobilise and deploy our exports as a general directs his army," he observed. "Exports are a vital weapon in the prosecution of the war."

Three points he stressed were: Our main need is foreign exchange to pay for imports. We must export most to countries whose currency is in dollars or is readily changeable into dollars. We must fulfil the needs of the sterling areas, especially when they are making munitions.

SHOULD BE MAINTAINED

Exports to our Allies and friends should be maintained even when the exchange is not very attractive to us, so as to avoid undue interference with their internal economy.

Exporters of goods considered non-essential, who have been pleading with the Board for an easing of restrictions on their trade, were offered no hope.

Capt. Lyttelton said he was unsympathetic to requests concerning goods that Empire countries had already stated they could do without. He made it clear that, to produce exports that would yield us the maximum amount of money, the consumption of non-essentials must be limited.

On the question of silk stockings he declined to be drawn.

When asked about the effect of the Purchase Tax on reports to the United States, which for Customs purposes is adding the tax to the value of the goods on which it is not in fact levied, he would say no more than that "friendly discussions" were going on.

BRITISH CONVOY ATTACKED

A British convoy was attacked in the Atlantic on Wednesday but nothing is known of any loss or damage, states a London message.—(Special)

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Government will try to increase the export of silk to South America, India and Indo-China, the spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry declared in the House of Representatives today.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—It is understood that orders have been passed, and are already in operation, that uniform must be worn by all ranks of the army in India at all times except when on leave from their stations or engaged in sports.

RAID LOOTING INSURANCE

LLOYDS STUDY QUESTION

The question of insurance against looting after air-raid damage is being studied at Lloyd's and by the insurance companies. The British Government's refusal to pay such claims is held to constitute a definite ruling that looting is not a war risk.

This is important, because underwriters in the open market are under a pledge not to insure property on land against war risks.

A leading Lloyd's underwriter has expressed the opinion that the Government should include looting in the cover given against war risks under Part II. of the War Risks Insurance Act. At present this applies only to stocks of goods for sale and does not include personal effects or the contents of private houses.

LIABILITY DISCLAIMED

Where private houses have been looted after air-raid damage this underwriter has disclaimed liability under Lloyd's comprehensive policy when the pilfering has been from debris or from premises left open and unprotected after an air-raid.

When damage has been secured and thieves have broken in, he is prepared to give sympathetic consideration to any claim made on policies he has signed.

If the Government persists in disclaiming liability for looting after air-raids this underwriter is also prepared to insure the risk under special policies.

It is understood that representatives of insurance interests are discussing the question with a view to co-operative action, and that before any definite steps are taken there will be discussions between representatives of the Government and underwriters.

RETROSPECTIVE BASIS

One of the problems which will have to be considered is whether, under the scheme for insuring private property which the Government is about to introduce on a retrospective basis, claims for looting will be included.

It will probably depend on the decision taken whether Lloyd's and the insurance companies introduce a special insurance covering the risk.

NAZI MOTORCYCLISTS KNOW BRITISH ROADS

Hitler has many motorcycle troops who are familiar with British roads.

In the last few years, and especially since Hitler came to power, German motor-bicyclists have taken part in events in practically every country in Europe, and whether by accident or design, many of them were serving soldiers.

Britain was one of the places in which they competed. In 1937 and again in 1938, German soldiers, Stormtroopers, and even S.S. men from Hitler's own bodyguard, took part in the international six days' trial in England and Wales.

There were also many civilian riders.

In both years the German riders had ample opportunity for studying British roads, for they travelled from the port at which they arrived through the Midlands to Wales, and for five days of the trials covered nearly 300 miles a day on all classes of roads, chiefly in Wales.

In both years the event ended with speed trials at Donington Park, in the Midlands.

Germany had 79 riders in the 1937 events. In addition, there were many mechanics.

Last Saturday's R. A. C. benefit meeting in Bombay has raised £2,750 for the Bombay war fund, states a London message.—(Special)

The people of New Zealand have purchased a squadron of fighters for the Royal Air Force, states a London message.—(Special)

EXTENSIVE AIR ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

Addis Ababa 'Drome Bombed By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The military aerodrome at Addis Ababa was among the targets bombed by our aircraft in Abyssinia on Tuesday. A number of bombs were dropped on the aerodrome and direct hits were registered, causing fires to buildings and hangars.

The Keren-Asmara area was also subjected to a number of raids. Motor transport convoys between the two towns were heavily bombed and also machine-gunned.

Stores and dumps north-east of Keren were also attacked. Fighters of a South African unit, which encountered five CR-42's (Italian fighters) off Asmara on February 10, shot down two in flames.

INTENSE ATTACK

One of the most intense bombing raids yet carried out by the South African Air Force took place on February 10 when a number of bombers dived on military objectives at Afmahu (Italian Somaliland). Several direct hits were observed.

Eighty-six unserviceable enemy aircraft have been found by our forces on the landing ground at Benina, near Benghazi. These included one HE 111 and one JU 88 (German machines).

From all the operations under review, our aircraft returned safely with one exception.

ERITREA ADVANCE

KHARTOUM, Feb. 12 (Reuter).—British troops who have penetrated into Eritrea from the North, are now advancing beyond El Grena, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

The capture of El Grena was announced yesterday by British General Headquarters.

The British troops have improved their positions in the hills surrounding two important heights, which they are now attacking after driving back strong Italian counter-attacks.

El Grena is an important post thirty miles south-east of the small frontier town of Karora which was captured last weekend.

Prisoners taken at Karora are now known to number forty-three as well as seven machine-guns and fifty camels.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Churchill attended a memorial service for the late Lord Lloyd held in Westminster Abbey yesterday morning, states a London message.—(Special)

NEW DUTCH BATTLESHIP

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Just before the collapse of Holland, a Dutch battleship, which was being completed, was brought across the North Sea by Dutch sailors and dockyard workers to a British port.

Yesterday, this vessel was for the first time inspected by Queen Wilhelmina who was welcomed at the dockyard by the Dutch Naval Commander-in-Chief and the Netherlands Prime Minister.

This new Dutch battleship is now a valued part of the Allied Naval strength.

BRITISH PILOT OFFICER BURIED

Plane Shot Down In Genoa Shelling

ROME, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—A British flying officer, whose name is given as Sub-Lieutenant Attenborough, was buried with military honours at Leghorn yesterday.

He was described as one of the occupants of the British plane shot down by anti-aircraft fire at Leghorn on Sunday.

Italian officers of all arms and a naval Guard of Honour attended the funeral at the English cemetery.

A wreath from the Italian Navy and one from the American Consul were placed on the coffin.

The editor of the Admiralty communiqué on the shelling of Genoa said one Swordfish plane was missing.

NEW CHIEF OF SOVIET STAFF

MOSCOW, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—General Zhukov is appointed the new Chief of the General Staff, his predecessor being General Meretskov who was made Vice-Commissioner for Defence and chief of staff in September last.

General Zhukov earned the title "hero of the Soviet Union" for his achievements in the miniature frontier war against the Japanese in 1939. General Meretskov is also "hero of the Soviet Union" for his part in the war against Finland. Both men have the title of "General of the Army" of which there are only three.

S. HONAN RELIEF

LAOCHOKOW, Feb. 13 (Central).—The War Zone Women and Children Relief Commission has sent delegates to south Honan to relieve the women and children refugees who are in serious plight.



Italy's many naval bases around her coast are indicated in this map. Valona, the Albanian port, seen on the extreme right, has been bombed by the R.A.F.

Dive-Bombing Bases In Sicily Raided

German dive-bombing bases in SICILY and Italian aerodromes on the DODECANESE were raided by British bombers on Wednesday, states a London message. Large fires were started at CATANIA and at least four planes were destroyed on the ground.

Enemy 'dromes on the ISLAND OF RHODES were also attacked and seven aircraft were destroyed.

Considerable A.A. fire was encountered by the British planes.

NAZI RAIDER SHOT DOWN IN SCOTLAND

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—An enemy bomber was destroyed in Eastern Scotland yesterday morning, says an Air Ministry communiqué which adds that it is now known that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Saturday night and one on Monday night by anti-aircraft fire.

There was little activity over Britain last night.

Planes flew over SOUTH WALES and the SOUTH OF ENGLAND and some enemy planes were also seen over the WESTERN coast but only a few bombs were dropped.

A single German fighter streaked out of the clouds yesterday and attacked a DOVER balloon barrage.

There was little activity over Britain last night.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

Thursday and Friday, the 13th and 14th February, 1941.

commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.

at H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong and at Kowloon Naval Depot.

OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES

comprising:—

Boats, Motor and Sailing (Hull only) Old Tools, Canvas, India Rubber, Clocks, Leather, Electric Gear, Lamps, Binoculars, Oars, Cordage, Firewood, Blankets, Counterpanes, Carpets, Beds, Wash Basins, Furniture, Electric Cable, Oil Drums, Dirty Oil, etc.

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Zinc Ashes and old Iron and Steel. Lots may be inspected on Wednesday, 12th February, 1941.

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Teakwood Dining Room, Bed Room, Drawing Room and Office Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Wardrobe Trunks, Chesterfield Suites, Curio, Ornaments, Pictures, Clocks, Cutlery, E. P. Brass, Glass and Porcelain Ware, Gramophones & Records, Electric Lamps & Heaters, Cooking Utensils, etc., etc.

also

A FEW PIECES OF BLACKWOOD FURNITURE

and

3 Bed Room Suites
1 Dining Room Suite
1 Portable Typewriter "Remington"
1 "Agia" Cine Projector 16 mm A.C./D.C. 110-220V.

On View from Thursday, the 13th February, 1941.

Terms: Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS. AUCTIONEERS.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. Chan Kai-ming, of No. 14, Whitfield Road, has informed the Police that his No. 4 concubine absconded on Wednesday with money and jewellery aggregating \$3,762.

Mr. Li Kwan-ho reports that someone obtained \$200 by means of a trick from him on Russell Street on Wednesday.

Mr. Wong Chung-hu, residing at No. 40, Conduit Road, reports that \$85 worth of jewellery was stolen from his house between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Wednesday.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

UNEMPLOYED BOUND OVER

For stealing an overcoat, valued at \$5, from a prisoner, Chan Wai-fai, at the Central Police Station on Feb. 12, Ng Wong, 22, unemployed, was bound over in the sum of \$15 to be of good behaviour for six months by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. W. Summers stated that defendant was a prisoner going to be released. He took the overcoat from the cell of complainant and put it on. Later it was recognized by complainant as his property, and defendant was arrested.

Pleading guilty, defendant said: "I was sick and feeling cold. I took it with the intention of returning it."

"SMUGGLING" DISCLOSED

A method, alleged to be used by some employees of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to "smuggle" goods out of the grocery department was disclosed before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, when Ng Fuk, 22, coolie, was charged with larceny by servant of three bottles of Bovril, two tins of Ovaltine and five tins of boot polish on Feb. 11.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared on behalf of the Company, and was assisted by Sub-Insp. F. W. Fowle.

The three defendants, who were responsible for deliveries, were placing the groceries, which were not included in any orders, in packets to be delivered, so that they could convert them to their own use once outside the Company's premises. The articles were discovered in parcels of orders destined for the University when a delivery was about to be made.

First and third defendants were each fined \$50, or six weeks' hard labour, and second defendant, \$100 or two months.

POSTMAN GAOLED

A postman, To Yuk, 24, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday, when he pleaded guilty to charges of larceny of four letters and one postal packet at the G.P.O. on Feb. 11 and Feb. 8.

Mr. D. C. W. Fitches of the G.P.O. prosecuted, assisted by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers.

In sentencing defendant, Mr. Lowry said: "The public must be protected from people like you. You are very lucky for not being committed for trial."

HIGH COST OF LIVING

"During my last two years of police supervision, I have been good. But nowadays the cost of living is so high that when I saw the \$50 of complainant, I had to steal so that I can have some money to go into business."

This was the plea Cheung Lam, 28, unlicensed hawk, made, when he was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing from Siu Chi-yau \$50 Chinese currency on board a tramcar.

Sentence of three months' hard labour, to be followed by two years of police supervision, was imposed. Sub-Insp. F. W. Fowle prosecuted.

CONSTABLE CHARGED

Constable 598, Wai Sai-ying, 28, of Wanchai Police Station, was charged before Mr. Sheldon yesterday on two counts of misconduct.

He was alleged to have left his beat without permission and to have been found in an alleged gaming house at No. 19, Sampan Street, first floor, on Wednesday.

On the application of Insp. F. T. J. Portallion, defendant was remanded to today on \$50 bail.

BOUND OVER

Appearing on remand before Mr. Sheldon yesterday, Leung Wong, 31, charged with larceny by servant of \$478 from R. A. Silva, of the Colonial Trading Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Feb. 7, was bound over.

Complainant told the Court that he was willing to continue employing defendant.

AT KOWLOON

GAMBLING DEN RAIDED

Forty persons, including several foreign ladies, were arrested in the course of a raid carried out by the Police at a "Po Tsu" gaming house at No. 32, Haiphong Road and were charged before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

Chan Yuk, 38, hawk, charged with keeping a gaming house, was fined \$200. Mrs. J. Ellis, of No. 238, Nathan Road, Mrs. Almeida, of No. 232, Matauwei Road, Mrs. Nina M. Tobias, of No. 40B, Hankow Road, Feliciano Gadchalian, Abraham, railway guard, Jan Mohammed, railway guard and

23 others, charged with gambling were each fined \$3.

Mrs. Tobias and the two railway guards pleaded not guilty to the charge, saying that they went there to look for friends, but were convicted.

Det.-Sgt. F. A. Estall, prosecuting, said that the Police was long aware of the existence of the gaming house but failed to keep track of it for it moved from place to place. Raids were carried out at noon on Wednesday simultaneously at three addresses.

Table money amounting to \$23.58 was picked up and ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

LARCENY BY BAILEE

Appearing before Mr. Himsforth yesterday on the charge of larceny of a large quantity of goods by bailee, Cheung Kwan-tai, 42, junk master, was remanded for 48 hours.

It was alleged that defendant obtained 1,080 bean cakes, 10 bags of fertilizer, two cases of miscellaneous goods, 23 cases of Pirate Cigarettes, 20 cases of Wan Kam Lung cigarettes, two cases of native cloths and two wooden masts from the Yuen Yee Transportation Company by means of fraud.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the prosecution, while Mr. Arculli will defend accused.

ROBBED FELLOW-LODGER

For stealing a gold ring, valued at \$14.50, Tsui Wai, 24, shop foki, was ordered to sign a personal bond of \$50 promising to be of good behaviour for a year by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. C. Pope, prosecuting, said that complainant, Li Kau, 18, shop foki, lived together with defendant at No. 209, Reclamation Street. On Tuesday defendant disappeared with the gold ring which complainant had placed inside a tin box.

When questioned defendant took Li to a friend's house where the gold ring was recovered.

WILD TREE WOOD

Li Kong, 18, spinster, was charged before Mr. Barnett yesterday with unlawful possession of 50 catties of wild tree wood at Tai Po Road, near the 44-Mile Stone.

Accused, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, was fined \$10 or three weeks in prison.

Three more women, Chan Yau, 40, Kwan Oi, 50, and Cheung Kan, 49, who were similarly charged, were each bound over in the sum of \$10.

THREAT ALLEGED

Chan Fan, 35, who was charged with loitering at No. 119, Reclamation Street, was discharged by Mr. Barnett yesterday owing to insufficient evidence.

About 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday complainant went into the kitchen where he saw defendant standing on the roof. Complainant went up to the roof himself but before he reached there defendant jumped down and was arrested by a hawk.

Accused said that he was never on the roof and alleged that a number of people assaulted him and accused him of going up there. He showed his Worship a stab wound on the arm which was allegedly inflicted by the people.

Asked why he did not go to hospital, defendant alleged that a constable threatened him with death if he should go.

D. O. SOUTH

JUNK HOLD-UP RECALLED

Further evidence was heard by Mr. S. F. Balfour, at the District Office South yesterday, in the case in which Tsang Shing, Leung Kau, Chan Chong-nin, Chan Sik-kwan, and Cheung Hee were charged with robbery by two or more and receiving stolen property.

It was alleged against the defendants that they robbed Kwok Wing, Sin Kan, and others on board trading junk No. T2554H off the East Brother Islands, on Jan. 16, of \$98.80 in Hongkong currency, clothing and personal property, and merchandise.

Sin Kan, master of the trading junk, stated in his evidence that three men boarded his junk from a smaller boat, off the East Brothers Island at about 6 p.m. on Jan. 16, and after searching the boat and passengers decamped with money and various property. All the men were armed with a revolver each. They stayed about one hour on board.

Further evidence of arrest were given by Chinese detectives Chu Ming and Kong Wing, and Sgt. Rose; while Un Hin Young, interpreter attached to the Water Police Station, testified to the statements made by all the accused in answer to the charges. All the defendants denied the charges.

Further hearing was then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.

POLICE RESERVE SQUAD DRILL COMPETITION

Emergency Unit Win: High Standard Witnessed

A very high standard of squad drill was seen at Police Headquarters yesterday, when the Indian and Chinese Companies and the Emergency Unit of the Hongkong Police Reserve held their Squad Drill competition.

Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner of Police, Chief Inspector A. W. Smith and Capt. E. N. Thursby, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., were the judges.

Among the large number of interested spectators were Mr. O. Eager, D.S.P. (R), Mr. T'so Tsun-on, A.S.P. (Adjutant), Mr. B. C. Randall, A.S.P. (R), Mr. M. A. Johnson, A.S.P. (R), Mr. W. R. Chester-Woods, A.S.P., Chief Insp. J. C. S. Fender and Sub-Insp. A. W. Mooney.

The first unit on parade was the Indian Company, under Sgt. Nam Din, followed by the Chinese Coy., under Sgt. T'so Chi-on, and the Emergency Unit under S.-I. M. A. de Souza. Each Company paraded for fifteen minutes during which time an inspection was carried out by the three judges.

KEEN COMPETITION

In presenting the Cup to the winners—the Emergency Unit—Mr. Perdue stated that the competition was very keen and that every Company displayed a very high standard. The Judges were unanimous in their opinion that the Emergency Unit put up the best show.

The Commissioner went on to express the hope that the competition would spur the whole Force to greater efficiency. He also hoped that the standard of the Indian Coy. will be so improved that the judges at the next competition would have the greatest difficulty in deciding the winners.

Bankrupt's Reluctance To Part With Estate

The reluctance of a Chinese bankrupt to part with his share in a rubber estate in Netherlands East Indies for the benefit of his creditors was revealed at the Singapore High Court when an application for his committal to civil prison for contempt of court came for hearing before Mr. Justice Pedlow.

The bankrupt was Lim Be, the sole proprietor of Chop Swee Guan Hong Kee, and his liabilities amounted to \$55,212.65. He was adjudicated a bankrupt on August 23, 1935.

In his public examination, the bankrupt admitted that he had a one-third share in the estate and later gave a power of attorney to a notary public in Tandjong Pinang, authorizing him to sell his share in the estate. He then revoked the power of attorney and denied that he had any share in the estate.

Mr. G. H. Po, the Assistant Official Assignee, said that he had the title deeds of the land, which had been registered in the name of the bankrupt, and that the Dutch Consul-General was quite satisfied on that point.

The bankrupt told the court that the land was not in his name; it was in the name of his nephew. He added that he was prepared to bring witnesses to testify that he had no share in the estate.

His Lordship: You cannot alter a statement which you made at the public examination and tell lies to the court now. It seems to me you are trying to defraud your creditors. I will have to send you to prison if you do not execute the necessary document for the sale of the land.

On being told that his name was on the title deeds, the bankrupt said that he signed his name on behalf of his nephew, who was a minor.

His Lordship: I do not believe an iota of what you say. You are merely attempting to defraud your creditors.

SOLE OWNER

Mr. Po pointed out that he understood from the Consul-General

More R.A.F. Posts For Local-Born

Further technical posts, though of a minor nature, are being offered to Asiatic British subjects in the Royal Air Force.

Applications are invited from Asiatic British subjects for enlistment as fire fighters and range spotters at the R.A.F. Station, Seletar. The ability to read, write and speak English is essential, but no other qualifications are compulsory.

Applicants are asked to apply in their own handwriting stating place of birth, age and standard reached at School to the Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Seletar. Testimonials should not be sent with applications and official replies will only be sent to those selected for interview.

Rates of pay for the selected candidates will be 50 cents a day plus 10 cents duty pay with free uniform, rations and accommodation.

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AMERICA'S DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

How to maintain peace and production in defence industries engaged more of the government's attention this week than at any time since rearmament began. Several members of Congress introduced bills to effect the purpose.

Representative Smith of Virginia, author of the pending Wagner act amendments, proposed penalties up to life imprisonment for saboteurs of defence projects; thirty-day notices before labour could strike or employers impose lockouts; abolition of the requirement that a seeker for defence employment shall join a labour union, or abstain from joining it.

Representative Hoffman of Michigan would bar the union initiation fees imposed on workers before they can do conscientious labour. Senator Ball of Minnesota would set up a special defence conciliation unit in the Department of Labour. There is a general unit already, writes Arthur Krock.

The Administration was deep in study of the subject, but its commitment was meager. "Only life imprisonment?" the President retorted when his press conference brought up the Smith bill.

And Attorney General Jackson, replying to a question from Chairman Sumners of the House Judiciary Committee, said he had no suggestions for new legislation to maintain defence labour peace and production, whereupon Mr. Sumners passed on his inquiry to the War and Navy Departments and to the members of the Advisory Defence Commission.

Until or if legislation is enacted, or there is some new step in administrative policy, responsibility for industrial defence conditions will continue to rest with the Labour Department's conciliation service and with a very effective and interesting set-up in the Defence Commission about which little is known or has been published up to the present time.

RECORD OF SETTLEMENTS

In the last five months this Defence Commission group has handled 210 labour disputes. No stoppages of work occurred in 100 cases, and in all but a few of the remaining cases the interruption was brief—from a few hours to a day or two. Up to the time of the Vultee strike the record made was exceptional. And, compared with "defence labour" breaks in the same periods in 1916 and 1917, the improvement is marked.

An odd combination of citizens handles these delicate matters for the Defence Commission, its generally successful position being that production must go on for reasons of patriotism while both sides talk of the issues. Sidney Hillman is the chief of the division. His executive assistant is Dr. Isador Lubin.

Under these two operate two labour representatives—Joseph Keenan of the A.F. of L. and John Owens of the C.I.O. But the associate of Messrs. Hillman and Lubin is a defence worker whose presence in Washington is little known to the general public despite the fact that to him is given a large share of credit for the success of the labour division. This is E. D. Bransome, president of the Vanadium Company.

Mr. Bransome is industry's representative in the division. There is no question of his devotion to and belief in the capital system, the profit motive, and the character and ability of American industrial management. He is forthright and bold and his outward manner has given him the name of being hard-boiled. Messrs. Hillman and Lubin are equally sympathetic with the case of labour, and the manner of both is mild. Nevertheless, this strangely assorted trio has worked smoothly and harmoniously and each one has nothing but praise for the other two in the group.

HANDLING EMPLOYERS

The labour division has no set pattern of operation. But generally its method is this:

When the Labour Department's conciliation has run into a stone wall, into an adamant employer or workers' group or both, it is supposed to give forty-eight hours' notice of impending trouble to the Hillman-Lubin-Bransome trio. If it is the employer who seems to be making most of the trouble, Mr. Bransome takes him on. If labour appears to be unreasonable, the task is assigned to Mr. Hillman or Dr. Lubin.

Labour has for a long time known that it has friends at court in Washington. But industry has not been so persuaded. Therefore, to discover that in Mr. Bransome it has one who understands and sympathizes with its difficulties and can make suggestions from experience as an employer, has many times had a "softening" effect on industry when softening was the reasonable process. When Mr. Bransome has concluded that the employer was correct in his stand he

has supported the case with his associates, and they in turn have urged concessions on labour.

Some time ago there was a small unauthorized strike in the Middle West. The employer had said that he would not talk to any conciliator until every one went back to work. He pounded the table as he said it over the telephone. He refused even to discuss the case with the international union official who admitted that the strike was unauthorized.

WAY PREPARED

Mr. Bransome found some one in industry who knew the manufacturer personally, to prepare the way for his intervention. "You are going to get a call from Ted Bransome in Washington, from the Defence Commission," said the friend. "He is no labour bureaucrat, no New Deal politician. He is one of us. You listen to him." The manufacturer was "softened" and told his tale to Mr. Bransome, who in turn reminded the angry industrialist of the attitude of the union official, pointed out that the union man was known to be square. "Send him in," said the employer. The result was a settlement.

A man familiar with the Hillman-Lubin-Bransome team—play in conciliation offered a further explanation of its success: "Bransome has a shoulder industry can cry on," he said. "He represents it sympathetically and officially, but sensibly. He has to be reasonable with Hillman and Lubin to get results, but by the same token they have to be co-operative with him."

"And the value of Keenan and Owens is chiefly that, when labour is in the wrong, one of them can cuss out an A. F. of L. union, the other a C.I.O. union, in a way no outsider would dare to do, or could do effectively."

"This useful combination makes the labour division. And if something hadn't slipped up so they didn't get the usual forty-eight-hour notice before the Vultee strike, that wouldn't have happened."

HILLMAN'S AUTHORITY

Mr. Hillman has the President's direct authority to supplant the Labour Department's conciliation with his own division whenever in his judgment the time has come to do so. Until that time Secretary Perkins and her aides are in charge. But, as the same expert witness puts it, "Madame Perkins has to butt out whenever Sidney says so."

The Defence Commission's Labour Division members are a unit in believing there should be no strikes or lockouts in defence production and that these can be averted by proper approaches and mediation formulae. It may be that as rearmament proceeds they will need more than their successful personal combination and method to keep up their records, that laws must be written to enforce the method. But meanwhile—unlike NLRB—this is how the Hillman-Lubin-Bransome team is operating, without "a law."

Wool From Fish Refuse

The nutritious substance, contained in the refuse of fish but wasted so far, may be applied as fine material for making artificial wool, it was recently discovered in an artificial silk manufacturing company at Gifu City, Gifu Prefecture.

The new process, according to the Hochi, has been fully tested for its effectiveness and its industrialization is being considered among those interested, who are reported to be arranging for the establishment of a factory solely devoted to its manufacture with a fund of ¥72,000 which has been increased by ¥12,000 as a subsidy by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

As Japan is famed for her rich production of fish with the fish refuse being roughly estimated to reach some 400,000 tons a year the possible production of artificial wool out of the fish abumen will attain the annual level of 210,000,000 pounds if one-third of the fish refuse is utilized in this manner, the paper further reports.

Finance and Commerce

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

| Buyers | Sellers | Sales | Normal | THURSDAY 13 FEB. | Buyer | Sellers | Sales | Normal |
|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------------|
| | | | | Banks | | | | |
| | | | | H.K. Banks | | | | C.D. \$1410 |
| | | | | Do. (Col. Reg.) | | | | X.D. 280 |
| | | | | Do. (Lon. Reg.) | | | | 277 |
| | | | | Chartered Banks | | | | 11/16 233 |
| | | | | Mercantile Bks. "A" | | | | 211 1/2 |
| | | | | Mercantile Bks. "C" | | | | |
| | | | | Bank of East Asia | | | | |
| | | | | N. C. & S. Banks | | | | |
| | | | | Insurance | | | | |
| | | | | Canton Insurance | | | | \$215 |
| | | | | Union Insurance | | | | \$410 |
| | | | | Underwriters | | | | \$1 |
| | | | | H.K. Firms | | | | \$170 |
| | | | | Shipping | | | | |
| | | | | Douglases | | | | \$135 |
| | | | | Steamboats | | | | \$11 |
| | | | | Indo-China (Pref.) | | | | \$100 |
| | | | | Indo-China (Def.) | | | | \$80 |
| | | | | Shells | | | | 44 1/4 |
| | | | | Waterboats | | | | \$7 |
| | | | | Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. | | | | |
| | | | | H.K. & S. Wharves | | | | \$98 |
| | | | | Providents | | | | \$5.95 |
| | | | | H.K. Docks (Old) | | | | \$17 1/2 |
| | | | | H.K. Docks (New) | | | | \$17 |
| | | | | Shanghai Docks | | | | \$31 1/2 |
| | | | | Mining | | | | |
| | | | | Kailans | | | | 18/0 |
| | | | | Raubs | | | | 1 1/2 cts. |
| | | | | Hong Kong Mines | | | | |
| | | | | Lands, Hotels and Buildings | | | | |
| | | | | H.K. & S. Hotels | | | | \$3.60 |
| | | | | H.K. Lands | | | | \$34 1/2 |
| | | | | Do. 4% Debentures | | | | \$97 1/2 |
| | | | | Shanghai Lands | | | | \$12.40 |
| | | | | H.K. Realities | | | | \$9 1/2 |
| | | | | Humphreys | | | | \$7.05 |
| | | | | Chinese Estates | | | | X.D. |
| | | | | Cotton Mills | | | | |
| | | | | Ewo (S.) | | | | \$45 1/2 |
| | | | | S'hai Cottons (S.) | | | | \$308 |
| | | | | Zoong Sings (S.) | | | | \$125 |
| | | | | Wing On Textiles (S.) | | | | |
| | | | | Public Utilities | | | | |
| | | | | H.K. Tramways | | | | \$18.05 |
| | | | | Peak Tram (old) | | | | \$7.40 |
| | | | | Peak Tram (new) | | | | \$3 1/2 |
| | | | | Star Ferry | | | | \$57 |
| | | | | Yimai Ferry | | | | \$24 1/2 |
| | | | | China Lights (O) | | | | \$6.10 |
| | | | | China Lights (New) | | | | \$1.95 |
| | | | | H.K. Electric (Old) | | | | \$40 1/2 |
| | | | | H.K. Electric (New) | | | | \$39 1/2 |
| | | | | Macao Electric (Old) | | | | \$17 |
| | | | | Macao Electric (New) | | | | \$16 1/2 |
| | | | | Sandakan Lights | | | | \$25 1/2 |
| | | | | Telephones (old) | | | | \$10.50 |
| | | | | Telephones (new) | | | | \$25 1/2 |
| | | | | S'pore Tractions (Ord.) | | | | \$10 1/2 |
| | | | | Industrials | | | | |
| | | | | Cald. Macg. (Ord.) | | | | \$30 |
| | | | | Cald. Macg. (Pref.) | | | | \$25 |
| | | | | Canton Ice | | | | \$1 |
| | | | | Cement | | | | \$17 1/2 |
| | | | | H.K. Ropes | | | | \$8 1/2 |
| | | | | H.K. Govt. Loans | | | | |
| | | | | 4% Loan | | | | \$95 1/2 |
| | | | | 3 1/2% (1934) | | | | \$93 1/2 |
| | | | | 3 1/2% (1940) | | | | \$93 1/2 |
| | | | | Miscellaneous | | | | |
| | | | | Dairy Farms | | | | \$19.50 |
| | | | | Entertainments | | | | \$7.10 |
| | | | | Constructions (old) | | | | \$1.65 |
| | | | | Constructions (new) | | | | |
| | | | | Lane Crawford | | | | \$7 1/2 |
| | | | | Nanyang Tobacco | | | | \$24 1/2 |
| | | | | Singapore | | | | \$2.10 |
| | | | | Ch. G.S. 1925-28 Bds | | | | \$11 |
| | | | | H.K. Wing On | | | | 35 1/2 |
| | | | | S'hai Wing On | | | | \$14 |
| | | | | Vibro Piling | | | | \$8 |
| | | | | Marsmans Inv. (Lon) | | | | |
| | | | | Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) | | | | |
| | | | | Wm. Powells | | | | \$1.90 |
| | | | | China Lights (Rights) | | | | |
| | | | | 1 Sale to Shanghai | | | | |

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The main turnover today was in China Providents, otherwise the market was on the quiet side.

BUYERS

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 95.50 Cts.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 93.75 Cts.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 93.50 Cts.
Bank of East Asia, \$76.
Canton Ins., \$215.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$167.50.
Providents, \$5.80.
Lands, \$34.25.
Lands 4% Debentures, \$97.50.
Star Ferry, \$58.50.
Lights (O), \$8.
Cements, \$17.50.
Watsons, \$11.
Entertainments, \$7.

SELLERS

Docks (O), \$18.
Lands, \$34.75.
Realities, \$3.75.
Trams, \$18.05.
Lights (O), \$8.25.
Electrics (O), \$40.25.
Watsons, \$11.05.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1415.
Docks (O), \$17.80.
Providents, \$5.75/80.
Rumphreys, \$7.05 X.D.
Electrics (O), \$40.
Sandakan Lights, \$12.
Cements, \$17.50.
Ropes, \$8.50.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 12 (Reuter).
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FEBRUARY 13, 1941

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Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8
Credits 4 months sight
On Shanghai:—
On demand 430
On Singapore:—
On demand 82 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 102 1/2
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 62 1/2
and demand
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 33 3/4
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/2
On Batavia:—
On demand 44 1/2
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:—
On demand 103
On Manila:—
On demand 47 1/2
On Bangkok:—
On demand 149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 5/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Thursday, Feb. 13.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 5/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver buyers reported the market as being steady and featureless. American Silver market was closed yesterday.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Were a shade steadier. Opened with sellers at 24 1/8 for Spot. Later some business was arranged at 24 3/16 for Cash. The market closed with sellers at 24 3/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 1/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 44 1/2. The lowest rate touched was 44 1/2. Business was arranged at various rates. At the close there were sellers at 44 1/2, buyers at 44 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 3 23/64. Later the rate rose to 3 25/64. At the close at Noon sellers were quoted at 3 3/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers for Spot at 5 13/32. Subsequently the rate rose to 5 15/32 for Spot. Closed with sellers at 5 7/16 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/3 February/April, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS
Sellers at 24 3/16 for Cash, buyers at 24 5/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 44 1/2 and closed with sellers at 43 3/4 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling at 3 25/64 and U.S. Dollars at 5 1/2, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 13 (Reuters).
Official T.T. Rates

| | |
|----------|----------|
| Opening | 0/3-5/16 |
| London | 0/3-5/16 |
| New York | 5-1/4 |
| Japan | 22-1/4 |
| India | 18-3/4 |
| Paris | nominal |
| Hongkong | 22 |

Sterling
Sellers

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| Opening | 0/3-23/64 |
| Spot | 0/3-23/64 |
| Feb. | 0/3-11/32 |
| Mar. | 0/3-21/64 |

U.S. Dollars
Spot 5-13/32 5-1/2
Feb. 5-13/32 5-1/2
Mar. 5-3/8 5-15/32

Market: Steady.

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 23 1/2 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

The New York Commodity Market was closed on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and the following were the prices quoted in New York on Feb. 11:—

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. Close | Change |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| New York Cotton, March | 10.40 | 10.31 | 10.39 | 10.36 | .03 off |
| New York Rubber, March | 20.15 | 20.08 | 20.02 | 20.10 | .08 up |
| Chicago Wheat, May | 81 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 81 1/2 | 79 1/2 | 1 1/2 off |
| Chicago Corn, May | 61 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 61 1/2 | 60 1/2 | 1 1/2 off |
| New York Hides, March | 12.42 | 12.26 | 12.47 | 12.26 | .21 off |

NEW YORK COTTON
Close Opening Closing Change
March 10.39/39 10.39/38 10.36/36 .03 off
May 10.37/37 10.36/36 10.33/33 .04 off
July 10.25/25 10.24/25 10.21/21 .04 off
October 9.78/78 9.77/77 9.76/76 unch.
December 9.73/73 9.72/72 9.69/69 .01 off
January 9.70/70 9.71/74a 9.69/69 .01 off
Spot 10.94 10.91 .03 off

Total sales Monday:—37,100 bales.
The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41

NEW YORK RUBBER
March 20.02/02 20.02b/10a 20.10 N .08 up
May 19.92/93 19.95b/20.05a 20.20b .28 up
July (New contract) 19.74/74 19.78b/80a 19.85b .11 up
September 19.55/55 19.63/65 19.70 N .15 up

Total sales:—880 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 81 1/2 81 1/2 80 7/8 1 1/2 off
July 75 1/2 75 1/2 74 1/2 1 1/2 off
September 75 1/2 75 1/2 74 1/2 1 1/2 off

Monday's sales:—7,870,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 81 1/2 81 1/2 80 7/8 1 1/2 off
July 75 1/2 75 1/2 74 1/2 1 1/2 off
September 75 1/2 75 1/2 74 1/2 1 1/2 off

NEW YORK HIDES
March 12.47b 12.42/42 12.26/27 .21 off
June 12.26/26 12.18/18 12.10/12 .16 off

Total sales for the day:—137 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA
March 5.34 N 5.33b/34a 5.48 N .14 up
May 5.43/43 5.33b/44a 5.58/58 .15 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3
March 2.00b/01a 2.01b/03a .01 up
May 2.05/05a 2.07b/08a .02 up

Volume of business done:—38 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4
March 71 1/2b/69a 69/69 68 1/2b/69a unch.
May 71 1/2b/72a 72 1/2/73 71 1/2b/72a unch.

Volume of business done:—182 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES
March 11.45b/50a 11.40b/50a 11.45b/49a unch.
July 11.30b/38a 11.25b/36a 11.28b/32a .02 off
N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4
N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03 34-3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Feb. 12.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

| | |
|--|----------|
| War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952) | 103-9/16 |
| Defence Loan, 3% 1914 | 101 1/2 |
| London & Lancashire Ry. 5% | 13 |
| Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) | 44 |
| Chinese 5% Gold Bonds 1925/41 | 42 to 47 |
| Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 | 45 |
| Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 | 26 |
| Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) | 34 |
| Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) | 10 |
| Chin. Imperial Ry. 5% Loan | 47 |
| Yonan Ry. 5% | 16 |
| Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (P. N.Y. Issue) | 15 |
| Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue) | 13 |
| Lung Tsing & U. Hai Ry. 5% 1913 | 14 |
| Shan-N'King Ry. 5% | 16 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) | 15 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.) | 15 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 15 |
| Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) | 15 |
| Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 | 23 1/2 |
| Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924 | 6 |
| Chartered Bank | 8-11/16 |
| H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) | 77 |
| H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.) | 80 |
| Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) | 18 1/2 |

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Feb. 12 (Reuters).
Jan. 31 Feb. 7

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department) 26,053 26,505
Rupee Coin and Bullion in India 3,101 3,052
Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,441 4,441
Securities (Indian Government) 4,960 4,960
Securities (British Government) 13,550 14,050
(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees)

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 12 (Reuters).
Silver—Market steady, featureless and practically idle in the afternoon, the market was steady with no business.

Spot, 23-5/16d.
Forward, 23-5/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Feb. 12 (Reuters).
Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 75 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Ready | 63-06 |
| Feb. 21 Settlement | 63-04 |
| Mar. 25 Settlement | 63-02 |

Chosen Corporation 4/-
Mercantile Bank of India 11-1/8
Peikin Syndicate 1/6
Shai Elec. Contr. Co. 15/-
Shai Waterworks "A" 13-1/2
Union Insurance 20
Gula Kalumpung Rubber 15 7/8
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ry. 13 1/2
Great Western Ry. 34 1/2
National Bank of India 31 1/2
S.A. Tob (bearer) 91/3
Dunlop Rubber 33 1/4
Bristol Aeroplane 10/6
Imperial Chemical Ind. 22/8
Woolworths 51/7 1/2
Maramah Investments 6/3
Western Holdings 9/9
Sub-Nigel 147/6
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 44/4 1/2

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, Feb. 12 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 98-02-0.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION (REUTERS SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 12, 1941

STOCKS Last Sale Feb. 11

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| Adams Express | 8 | Loft Incorporated | 18 1/2 |
| Allegheny Steel Co. | 21 1/2 | Mack Truck Inc. | 27 1/2 |
| Allis Chalmers | 30 1/2 | Martin, Glen L. | 25 1/2 |
| Aluminum Ltd. | 86 1/2 | McKesson & Robbins, pfd. | 25 1/2 |
| Amer. Can. | 33 1/2 | Montgomery Ward | 36 |
| Amer. Cyanamid E. | 17 | National City Copper Co. | 3 |
| Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf. | 17 | National Aviation | 9 |
| Amer. Locomotive | 13 1/2 | Nat. Dairy Products | 13 1/2 |
| Amer. Metals Co. | 17 1/2 | National Distillers | 20 1/2 |
| Amer. Radiator | 5 1/2 | National Lead | 16 1/2 |
| Amer. Rolling Mill | 13 1/2 | Nat. Power & Light | 6 1/2 |
| Amer. Sugar and R'ing Co. | 40 1/2 | National Supply Corp. | 5 1/2 |
| Amer. Sugar Refining | 14 | New York Central | 12 1/2 |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel. | 163 | Niagara Hudson Power | 2 1/2 |
| Amer. Tobacco "B" | 60 1/2 | N. American Aviation | 14 1/2 |
| Amer. Waterworks | 5 1/2 | North American Co. | 15 1/2 |
| Anacosta Copper | 23 1/2 | Northern Pacific | 6 1/2 |
| Atchafalaya, T. & S. Fe. | 21 1/2 | Owens-Illinois Glass Co. | 44 |
| Aviation Corp. | 4 1/2 | Packard Gas & Elec. | 26 1/2 |
| Baldwin Locomotive | 15 1/2 | Packard Motors | 3 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 3 1/2 | Pan-American Airways | 13 1/2 |
| Barber Asphalt Co. | 9 | Paramount Pictures | 11 |
| Barnsdall Oil | 8 1/2 | Pennsylvania R.R. | 23 1/2 |
| Bendix Aviation | 34 1/2 | Philadelphia Read. Coal | 1 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 30 1/2 | Phillips Petroleum | 36 1/2 |
| Bliss & Co. | 16 1/2 | Public Service of N.J. | 28 1/2 |
| Boeing Airplane Co. | 18 1/2 | Pullman Inc. | 23 1/2 |
| Borg-Warner | 18 1/2 | Pure Oil | 7 1/2 |
| Briggs Mfg. | 21 1/2 | Radio Corp. of Am. | 4 1/2 |
| Budd Manufacturing Corp. | 4 | Reading Company, Com. | 13 |
| Canadian Pacific R'way | 34 | Remington Arms Co. Inc. | 51 1/2 |
| Case, J.I. | 47 | Republic Aviation Corp. | 4 1/2 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 24 1/2 | Republic Steel | 18 1/2 |
| Chrysler Corp. | 65 1/2 | Revere Corp. | 9 1/2 |
| Columbia Gas & Elec. | 4 1/2 | Reynold Tobac. "B" | 33 1/2 |
| Commercial Credit Co. | 29 | Safeway Stores | 39 1/2 |
| Com. & Southern (Ord.) | 11 1/16 | Schenley Distillers | 9 1/2 |
| Consolidated Edison | 21 1/2 | Sears Roebuck | 72 1/2 |
| Consolidated Oil | 5 1/2 | Shell Union Oil | 11 1/2 |
| Continental Can. | 37 1/2 | Socony-Vacuum Oil | 8 1/2 |
| Continental Oil | 18 | Southern Pacific | 8 1/2 |
| Copperweld Steel | 15 1/2 | Southern Ry. 4 1/2 pfd. | 21 1/2 |
| Curtiss Wright (C.) | 8 1/2 | Spicer Manufacturing Co. | 32 1/2 |
| Curtiss Wright "A" | 26 1/2 | Standard Brands | 6 1/2 |
| Deere & Co. | 16 1/2 | Standard Gas & Elec. | 1 |
| Distillers Corp. Seagrams | 88 1/2 | Standard Oil of California | 19 1/2 |
| Douglas Aircraft | 146 1/2 | Standard Oil of N.J. | 34 1/2 |
| Du Pont de Nemours | 9 | Stone & Webster | 6 1/2 |
| Eagle Pitcher Lead | 9 | Studebaker, Com. | 6 1/2 |
| Eaton Mfg. Co. | 32 | Swift International | 18 1/2 |
| Elec. Autolite | 28 1/2 | Technicolor | 9 |
| Elec. Bond & Share | 34 | Texas Corp. | 37 |
| Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf. | 54 1/2 | Texas Gulf Sulphur | 35 1/2 |
| Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf. | 62 1/2 | Timken-Axle | 30 1/2 |
| Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf. | 31 1/2 | Trans-America Co. | 44 1/2 |
| Flintkote | 13 1/2 | 20th Cent. Fox | 64 |
| Gen. American Trans. | 51 1/2 | Union Bag & Paper Corp. | 10 1/2 |
| Gen. Electric | 32 1/2 | Union Carbide & Carbon | 64 1/2 |
| Gen. Motors | 43 1/2 | Union Pacific | 79 |
| Gen. Railway Signal | 13 1/2 | United Aircraft | 37 1/2 |
| Gen. Tire & Rubber | 11 1/2 | United Airlines Trans. | 1 1/2 |
| Glidden Co. | 13 1/2 | United Corp. | 27 1/2 |
| Goodrich (B.F.) | 13 1/2 | United Corp. \$3 cum pf. | 11 1/16 |
| Goodrich \$5 pf. | 62 | United Gas Corp. | 9 1/2 |
| Goodyear Tire & Co. | 17 1/2 | United Gas Improvement | 24 1/2 |
| Great Northern Iron Ore | 144 | U.S. Industrial Alcohol | 19 1/2 |
| Great Northern Ry. pfd. | 24 1/2 | U.S. Rubber | 18 1/2 |
| Great Western Sugar | 21 | U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd. | 88 |
| Greyhound Corp. | 11 1/2 | U.S. Smelting | 59 1/2 |
| Hercules Powder Co. | 68 1/2 | U.S. Steel | 61 |
| Homesite Mining | 48 1/2 | Vanadium | 29 |
| Int. Nickel | 22 1/2 | Vulcan Aircraft | 6 1/2 |
| Inter. Paper & Power | 12 1/2 | Walworth Co. | 5 |
| Int. Tel. & Tel. | 24 | Warner Bros. Pict. | 3 1/2 |
| Johnson | 57 1/2 | Westinghouse Elec. | 95 |
| Kenecott Copper | 32 1/2 | Woodward Iron Corp. | 29 |
| Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass | 35 | Chase National Bank | 30 1/2 |
| Lockheed Aircraft | 23 1/2 | National City Bank | 25 1/2 |
| Loew's Inc. | 32 1/2 | Libby, Monell & Libby | 7 |

DOW JONES AVERAGE

| | 1940/41 | Feb. 10, 1941 | Feb. 12, 1941 | Close | Change |
|------|---------|---------------|---------------|--------|----------|
| High | 132.80 | 111.64 | 123.50 | 123.61 | 1.68 off |
| Low | 132.87 | 121.15 | 123.50 | 123.61 | .38 off |
| High | 32.87 | 22.15 | 28.31 | 27.91 | .28 off |
| Low | 33.45 | 18.03 | 20 | 19.69 | .28 off |
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Port To Be Closed For 3 Nights

Black-out Measures By Harbour Dept.

A Harbour Department notification issued yesterday states that black-out exercises will take place on the nights of Feb. 26/27, 27/28 and Feb. 28-March 1, 1941.

1.—In these exercises the black-out will automatically commence at sunset (1828 hours) on Feb. 26 and will remain in force until sunrise (0648 hours) on the morning of March 1 when normal lighting and sea traffic will be resumed.

2 (a).—External lights or every description on board vessels are prohibited, and all internal lights must either be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction.

Torches may be used to meet any special circumstance, but they must be screened with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint.

LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED

(b).—The following lights in the Hongkong area will be extinguished during the period of the black-out:—Waglan Island, Tathong Point, Cape Collinson, South Lymun, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock, North Fairway Buoy, Central Fairway Buoy, South Fairway Buoy, Green Island, Cheung Chau Island Passage, and the lights at the Entrances to the Yau-mai, Bay Typhoon Shelter.

Normal lighting will be resumed on the night of March 1/2, 1941.

PORT CLOSED

3.—The Port will be closed to all inward and outward shipping at sunset on Feb. 26 to sunrise on Feb. 27, from sunset on Feb. 27 to sunrise on Feb. 28 and from sunset on Feb. 28 to sunrise on March 1, during which periods no movements of vessels, etc., will be permitted inside the Port.

A restricted ferry service will be maintained by the Star Ferry and the Hongkong and Yau-mai Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 (a) which includes navigation lights, and in this connection the prescribed pier lights at Hongkong and Kowloon will be permitted provided that such lights cannot be seen from above and do not throw any light on to the water.

Should the "Air Raid Warning" Signal be given while the ferry is under way, she must proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or pier until such time as the "Raiders Passed" Signal has been sounded.

MARINERS WARNED

A derelict vessel, almost submerged, has been reported as sighted in a position at approximately Lat. 20 deg. 19' N. long. 111 deg. 05' E., by the master of the s.s. Sapporo Maru. The position is at the approaches to Hainan Strait.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 68 and the minimum 57 compared with 75 and 63 on Wednesday.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 4.08 inches against an average of 1.95.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

An intense anti-cyclone covers China, Japan and the neighbouring seas. Pressure is relatively low over Thailand.

81 Japanese Ships Sunk In 1940

Chinese mines hit and sank 81 Japanese war vessels of different sizes in the Yangtze last year, announced Admiral Chen Shao-kwan, Chief of Naval Headquarters, in his review of Chinese naval operations for 1940.

Among the enemy ships destroyed were 19 large and medium-sized transports, nine medium-sized warships, two merchantmen, 43 steam launches, six large tug-boats and one small steamer. Japanese ships damaged or whose destruction has not been confirmed are not included.

It was conservatively estimated that a medium-sized Japanese warship displaces 1,000 tons, a transport or a merchantman 3,000 tons, and a steam launch from 300 to 500 tons. On this basis Japan's loss in tonnage last year would total around 88,800 tons.

TOTAL LOSS

Again, if a medium-sized Japanese warship is worth \$5,000,000, a transport or a merchantman \$600,000, a steam launch \$300,000, and a tug-boat \$100,000, then the total loss would exceed \$70,000,000. To make good the loss, Japan will have to spend a much larger sum in view of the higher replacement cost of materials, labour and other items.

Admiral Chen said that there is really no way of ascertaining the quantity and value of military supplies and ordinary cargo which went to the bottom of the Yangtze with the ships when they were sunk by Chinese mines. The figures, when known, must be staggering. Between 2,000 and 3,000 Japanese soldiers were drowned, though the total number of lives lost must be higher.

Despite Japanese vigilance, Chinese "naval guerrillas" slipped through enemy lines and laid close to 1,000 mines in the Yangtze River throughout the year, causing heavy damage to Japanese shipping.—(Central News).

KWANGSI TO BREED BETTER HORSES

To improve the breed of horses for military and other uses, the authorities have decided to establish an additional breeding centre at Liangfengchen near here. Similar centres have been set up at Ishan, Tu-an and Kweihien, where Mongolian and Arabian horses are cross bred.—(Central News).

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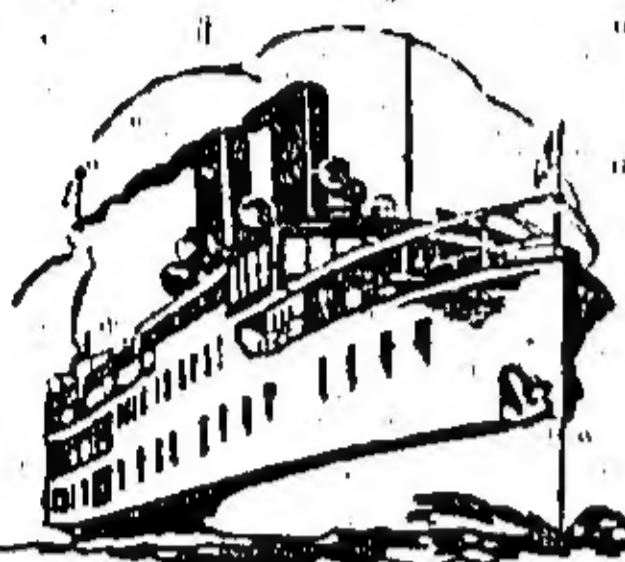
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ROYAL SCOTS RETAIN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FOURTH YEAR

Winning 13 of the 15 bouts—six of which were via the knock-out route—2ND BN. ROYAL SCOTS beat 1ST BN. MIDD-SEX REGIMENT by 28 points to 15 to win the AREA INTER-UNIT NOVICES BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP for the fourth year in succession at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, last night.

BRITISH EMBASSY STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (Reuter).—On the authority of the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, the British Embassy here has issued the following statement:—

"There have been repeated allegations in the press, some of which even found echo in Congressional record, to the effect that Mr. Churchill issued a statement in 1936 deprecating America's participation in the war of 1914-18.

"The statement, as reproduced in the various newspapers, read: 'Legally we owe this debt to the United States but logically we do not because America should have minded her own business and stayed out of the World War. If she had done so the Allies would have made peace with Germany in the spring of 1917 thus saving over 1,000,000 British, French, American and other lives and preventing the subsequent rise of Fascism and Nazism.'

"As a number of persons and some newspapers apparently have been deceived by the utter untruth put forward for the sole purpose of destroying the good relations between the United States and Britain the British Embassy wishes to state, on the Prime Minister's authority, that it is totally untrue that he ever made any such statement to the above or similar effect."

LORDS QUERY FINANCE POLICY OF GOVT.

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Government adheres to a policy of avoiding inflation by every conceivable means in our power," said the Lord Chancellor, Lord Simon, in the House of Lords yesterday, and he suggested that concern on this point was brought about by exaggerated or ill-founded arguments.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh said that he was afraid that the vicious spiral of inflation was already in operation and that a figure of interest in this matter was the gap between expenditure and revenue which he computed at about \$800,000,000.

He strongly supported Mr. J. M. Keynes' plan of some kind of deferred pay, particularly in the case of wage earners who were getting substantially larger earnings than before the war.

Lord Simon, replying for the Government, said that the word "inflation" was used as though it was associated with rapidly-rising prices. Prices, he said, may rise in circumstances which do not involve this inflationary influence at all.

Referring to the gap between expenditure and revenue, Lord Simon said that it was important to remember the overseas aspect of this matter.

CHESS RESULTS

K. Weiss managed to draw with C. M. Sequeira last night in the Colony Chess Championship Tournament.

The match was concluded about 12.30 p.m., Weiss managing to hold his opponent though a pawn down in the end game.

In another Championship match, G. S. Coxhead beat D. E. de Carvalho, after the latter had refused an offer of a draw.

In the Colony Junior Chess Championship, the results were: Wm. Lee beat A. Morton, J. Grefalda beat R. C. Gardner, and V. V. Kolatchoff beat J. H. d'Almeida.

PUNJAB GOVT. TO REWARD WARRIORS

LAHORE, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—The Punjab Government has reserved 15,000 acres in Nihari Colony (Haveli Project) as rewards for war services. It is officially announced.

It is added that preference in awards will be given to those services are outstanding in assisting the war effort.

Enough science was not very much in evidence in all the fights, they were nevertheless very enjoyable to the large audience. Hard punching featured all the bouts.

The main event—the light-heavy weight—saw Pte. WILSON (Scots) obtain a close decision over Pte. COOPER. They fought three hard rounds, blow for blow, the former constantly piercing the latter's defence with his slashing right.

GOOD STAMINA

All in all, the Scots, individually, were the harder punchers while their good stamina stood them in good stead.

The prizes were presented to the winners by His Excellency Major Gen. A. E. Grasset.

The Band of the Middlesex Regiment, by courtesy of Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart and Officers, and under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Kifford, A.R.C.M., was in attendance and rendered appropriate selections.

THE RESULTS

The following were the results:—Bantam Weight—Pte. Ellis (Scots) beat Pte. Anderson on points.

Feather Weight (1st string)—Pte. Macey (M'sex) beat Pte. Woodrow on points; (2nd string)—Pte. Hanshaw (M'sex) beat Pte. Ritchie on points.

Light Weight (1st string)—Pte. Cook (Scots) beat Pte. Grafton on a T.K.O.; (2nd string)—Pte. Laws (Scots) beat L/c Hill (K.O. in the 3rd); (3rd string)—Pte. McCall (Scots) beat Pte. Lanagan on points.

Welter Weight (2nd string)—L/c Hunter (Scots) beat Pte. Coleman (K.O. in the 2nd); (3rd string)—Pte. Meikle (Scots) beat Pte. Nash (K.O. in the 1st); (4th string)—Pte. Black (Scots) beat Pte. Toomey (T.K.O. in the 1st).

Middle Weight (1st string)—L/c Chalmers (Scots) beat Pte. Burdge (K.O. in the 2nd); (2nd string)—Pte. Greig (Scots) beat L/c Mun-jenback (K.O. in the 1st); (3rd string)—Pte. Auld (Scots) beat Pte. Hogan (K.O. in the 3rd).

Light-heavy Weight—Pte. Wilson (Scots) beat Pte. Cooper on points. Heavy Weight—2/Lieut. Hunter (M'sex) entry withdrawn.

Welter Weight (1st string)—Pte. Urquhart (Scots) beat Pte. Byford on points.

HITLER WANTS EXCHANGE

Herr Hitler is sending to the United States a number of paintings by old masters in order to help him to obtain exchange facilities, states a message from Sydney.

These paintings are on their way through Siberia and the Pacific and it is pointed out that this shows Herr Hitler's desperate economic position.—(Special).

Special Fund Mooted For Post-War Building Of A Better Britain

LONDON, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Some Government control of industry in the replanning which must take place at the end of the war is entailed in a proposal now being considered by Government, writes Reuters' Lobby correspondent.

The proposal is that half the money collected for excess profits duty shall not be used for meeting war expenditure but shall be placed in a special fund for the purpose of assisting various industries at the end of the war in making the change-over to peace conditions.

The proposal arises from complaints by industrialists that the present excess profits duty of 100 per cent. will not allow them to make provision for this purpose.

The problem of the demobilisation of the millions of men, now serving in the armed forces, has not been overlooked, and an Expert Committee, now sitting, has the task of examining the question in all its aspects and making recommendations for effective demobilisation of the men with the least possible dislocation.

Other matters, now being examined, include agricultural policy to enable this industry—still the largest in the country—to play a full share in national reconstruction.

The question of re-housing and national planning after the war is being examined under the direction of Lord Reith, who it is hoped will make a statement at an early date of proposals for building and planning a better Britain.

WAY TO HEALTH IN WINTER

WELL BALANCED DIET VITAL FACTOR

Prof. J. C. Drummond, scientific adviser to the British Ministry of Food, addressing the Industrial Welfare Society in London, said that food was probably the most vital factor in maintaining the security and efficiency of the home front.

A well-balanced diet would have a profound effect on health and resistance to infection and disease during the winter. He gave canteen stewardesses and managers the following outline of a three course meal which would help to build up workers:

Hot meat or fried fish, such as shepherds pie; beef stew or soured herrings, and a liberal helping of potatoes or some alternative dish. "Rice pudding, date turnover, apple charlotte, bread and butter pudding, orange and fruit salads or other milk puddings.

A cup of milky cocoa or milky coffee.

THIRD COURSE

The greatest importance, said Prof. Drummond, was attached to the third course.

The canteens should include in the weekly menu a certain quantity of basic food: milk, green vegetables, carrots, and wholemeal or brown bread or the new type of vitaminized white bread.

"The helpings of vegetable have to be definitely large than you will find in many canteens," he said. More vegetables and potatoes should also be introduced into soups.

The Ministry of Food was soon to make available wholemeal flour at the same price as white flour.

Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, appealed to employers to provide adequate facilities for the provision of hot meals—breakfasts, dinners and teas—to their employees. He asked industrial concerns which were too small for an effective catering unit to form a community group for their area to provide hot food during the day.

MARSHAL PETAIN AT FRENCH RIVIERA

VICHY, Feb. 13 (Reuter).—Marshal Petain arrived at Cagnes-Mer, French Riviera, yesterday in a special tram in which he left here the previous night.

After leaving the station he went to his estate at Villeneuve-Loubet on the coast road about nine miles from Nice. At mid-day, Marshal Petain left the estate for the Cagnes station where in a private coach he received officials and friends.

COL. DONOVAN AT BAGHDAD

Col. William Donovan, President Roosevelt's personal representative in the Balkans, has arrived in Baghdad on a visit to Iraq, states a London message.—(Special).

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

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| Sandakan | 21st Feb. |
| Calcutta and Straits | 21st Feb. |
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